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Storm 'Huaning' moves toward northern Luzon

By Norman Bordadora

TROPICAL depression "Huaning" yesterday developed into a storm, packing winds of up to 65 kph near the center as it moved toward northern Luzon, the weather bureau said.

Huaning was spotted as of 2 p.m. yesterday at 320 km southeast of Aparri. It was moving

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10 Indonesians hunted in Zamboanga bombings

AUTHORITIES yesterday said they were hunting 10 Indonesian extremists who were feared to be plotting suicide attacks, as security was stepped up following two bombings in Zamboanga City on Wednesday.

National Security Adviser Norberto Gonzales said the Indonesians, belonging to the Jemaah Islamiyah (JI) group linked to al-Qaida,

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Oil prices next GMA crisis

AFP hits Mendoza, puts Palace on the spot

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan and Juliet Labog-Javellana

IN ITS latest effort to discredit the latest witness presented at the Senate "jueteng" hearings, the Armed Forces may have only further compromised Malacañang.

AFP spokesperson Lt. Col. Buenaventura Pascual said that as far as the military was concerned, Army Capt. Marlon Mendoza's appointment as then Elections Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano's security chief was invalid because it was not approved at the AFP's level.

"I think there was a short-cut [in the process]," Pascual told reporters yesterday.

Pascual took pains to explain that the AFP did not authorize Mendoza to serve under Garcillano, no matter that the then defense chief, Eduardo Ermita, had approved the assignment.

"[The Commission on Elections] went straight to the [de-

AFP SAYS/ A8

Filipinos need to relearn truth-telling

By DJ Yap

TRUTH comes from the mouths of babes.

Ruben, 39, says it is all right to pummel his 7-year-old son Totoy, so long as no blood is drawn. His wife Celia says Ruben may hit her, if only to spare her son. Totoy says his father is free to kill him, as long as Ruben does not lay a hand on his mother.

But their youngest, 5-year-old Daidai, says what her father does is wrong.

Daidai is the truth-teller in the family, and Filipino leaders will do well to follow her example if this country is ever going to heal, according to Dr. Ma. Lourdes "Honey" Carandang, a noted psychologist.

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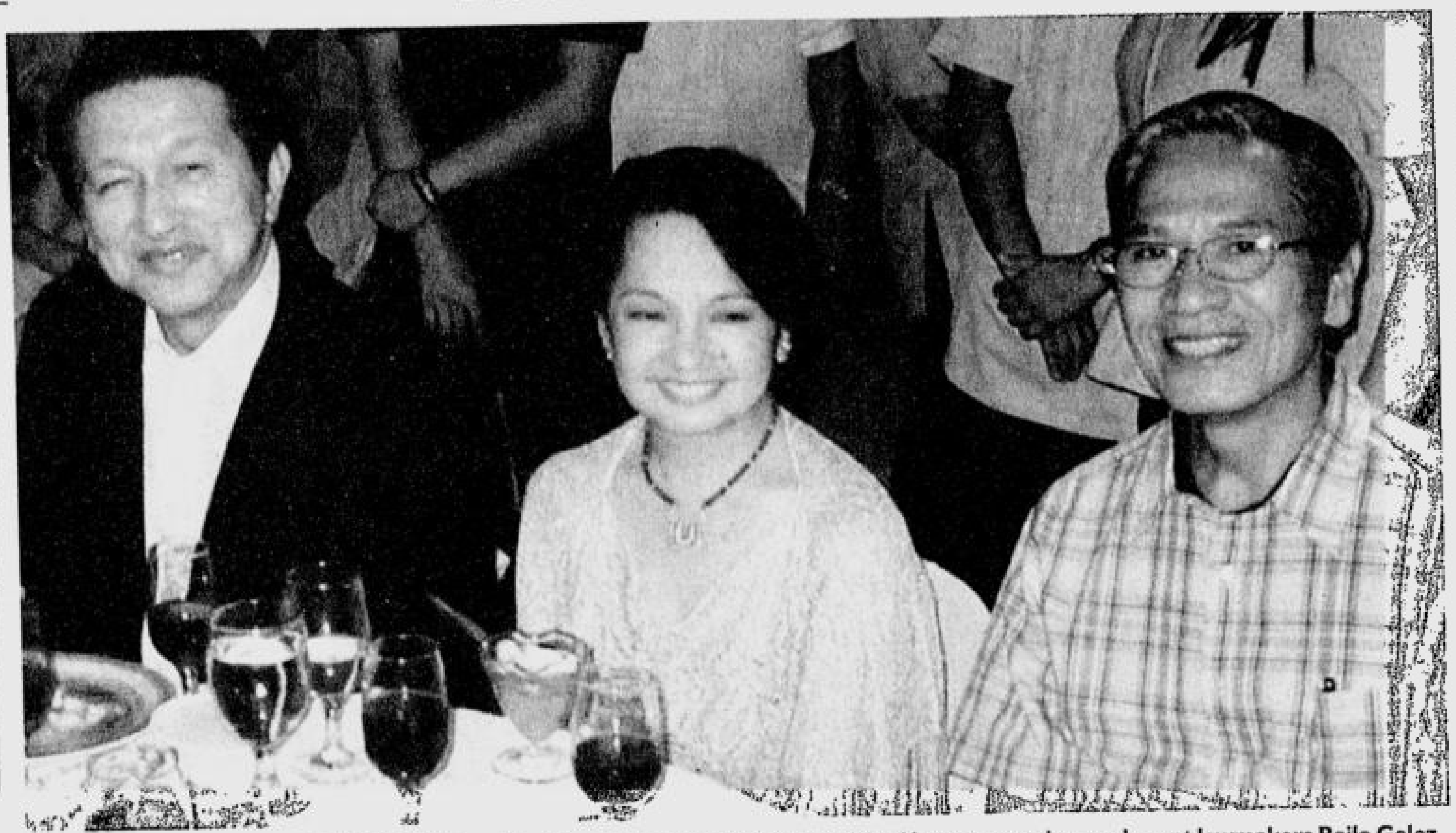

BETWEEN THE LEFT AND THE RIGHT, President Arroyo beams even if sandwiched between proimpeachment lawmakers Roilo Golez (left) and Satur Ocampo during the birthday party on Wednesday night of Rep. Cynthia Villar, wife of Sen. Manuel Villar. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Please pass the smiles as GMA breaks ice, bread with foes

By Philip C. Tubeza

GOING on a charm offensive, President Macapagal-Arroyo was relaxed and all smiles at a party on Wednesday night, even when she found herself seated between two lawmakers who want her ousted.

Ms Arroyo joked and cordially talked individually with several proimpeachment lawmakers at Las Piñas Rep. Cynthia Villar's birthday celebration at the Cuba Libre restaurant in Mandaluyong, said Bayan Muna party-list Rep. Satur Ocampo.

She even posed for a photograph with them.

Even Ms Villar is herself still undecided whether to sign the impeachment complaint or not, she told the INQUIRER last week.

"Her smile was sweet. She was smiling all the time," said Ocampo, who was at the same table with Ms Arroyo, Vice President Noli de Castro and Sen. Manuel Villar.

"She seemed to be relaxed. Of course, we were forced to have some small talk. It was a social affair, a birthday party. It had no major political significance," he added.

But Ocampo noted that the President's behavior was different compared to the cold shoulder she had given him and Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr. during the

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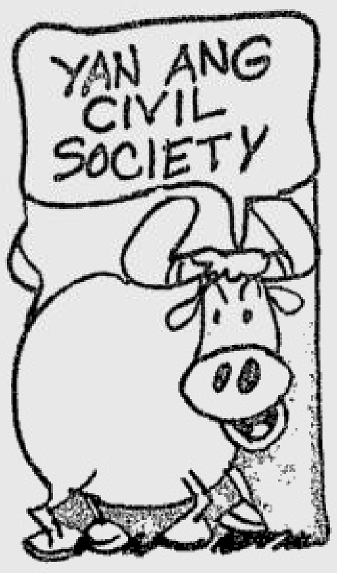

Extreme measures eyed to cut energy use

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. and Abigail L. Ho

IN THE MIDST of the worst political crisis of her presidency, here comes another whammy for President Macapagal-Arroyo.

With record crude prices that could weaken the economy and undermine her administration, President Arroyo yesterday called on the public to adopt energy conservation measures.

"The entire nation, all sectors and communities must engage in a serious effort to conserve energy and support all means to bring down our overall consumption of energy and exploit alternative sources of fuel," the President said in a short speech at a Flying V gas station which launched its bio-diesel fuel.

Analysts estimate that every dollar increase in the price of Dubai crude (which hit a record $57 a barrel yesterday along with New York crude which rose to a historic $65 a barrel) adds some P500 million to the country's oil bill. Oil refiners in the country use Dubai crude to calculate their retail prices.

A top investment analyst in one of the world's largest foreign banks operating in the Philippines

OIL CRISIS/ A8

Germany relents, lets 43 RP World Youth delegates in

By Christian V. Esguerra

ROMAN Catholic leaders heaved a sigh of relief when Germany reconsidered a decision to deny visas to 50 delegates to the World Youth Day next week in the German city of Cologne.

The Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) yesterday said that 43 of the 50 Filipino delegates initially denied German visas were subsequently allowed to join the annual festival. They are part of a 322-strong Filipino contingent, most of them middle-class teenagers, to the event.

"We were happy about the small percentage of the denied visas," said the CBCP Episcopal Commission on Youth. "It establishes or confirms the legitimacy of our group."

One Church source was not surprised by the show of German reluctance. It's not unusual for WYD delegates to disappear to become TNTs, or "Tago nang Tago," street-speak for illegal aliens.

During the WYD celebration in Rome in 2000, almost the entire Philippine delegation of 1,000 belonging to a charismatic group disappeared as soon as they landed. "They didn't even participate in the festivities," said the source. The same thing happened in Toronto, Canada, two years later, he said.

The lure of greener pastures abroad, in contrast to the absence of opportunities in the Philippines, was simply too tempting to ignore, the source said, particularly for the young and the poor who are leading the drift away from the Church fold. *(See story on this page.)*

The German government's refusal to issue visas to pilgrims from the Philippines, Cameroon and Togo had sparked a controversy. A bishop attacked the decision as "a scandal which again affects the poorest."

About 400,000 young people from 193 countries are expected to attend the WYD, accompanied by 8,000 priests and 750 bishops. The closing Mass to be celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI is expected to draw 800,000 faithful.

The event will be covered by about 6,600 journalists, close to the number that flocked to Rome for the April 8 funeral of John Paul II and the election of his successor, according to the archbishop of Cologne, Cardinal Joachim Meisner.

GERMANY/ A21

Young Pinoys drifting away from Church

THE PHILIPPINES may be home to some 65 million Roman Catholics. Even so, the country is struggling to maintain young people's interest in the Church, with the marginalized poor leading the drift from its fold.

While the Church still wields enormous influence over the nation, Catholic dogma on contraception and divorce is causing a less conservative younger generation to shun the Church.

Some 800,000 young people from across the globe are expected to descend on Cologne in Germany for World Youth Day next week, but the event billed as combining youth culture and prayer has little resonance in the country.

The Philippine Catholic Church is sending a delegation of some 350 people, most of them believed to be middle-class teenagers and a number of priests.

Ironically, it is the high birth rate attributed

YOUNG/ A21

'Pride of Naga City' comes home for good

THE ONLY Bicolano to dare to run for president twice, Raul Roco, returns home to his beloved city where thousands who love him back join the 1-1/2-hour funeral procession from the Ateneo de Naga to the basilica to the adjacent memorial park where his wife Sonia (right) and children bid him a final farewell.

NINO JESUS Y ORBETA/ PDI S. LUZON BUREAU

NAGA CITY—Former Sen. Raul S. Roco, who ran in two presidential elections, was interred at about 1 p.m. yesterday beside his father's grave at the Sto. Niño Memorial Park here amid a crowd of mourners numbering about 3,000 people.

Under a slight drizzle, the funeral procession carrying the bier of Roco proceeded at 8:30 a.m. from the Ateneo de Naga University where his remains had lain for public viewing since Monday.

The procession snaked along the main thoroughfare of Ateneo Avenue and arrived at 10:30 a.m. at the Basilica Minore for the 50-priest concelebrated Mass.

Thousands of people lined the streets to watch the funeral march. Some Nagueños showered the bier with confetti from time to time and students held up placards declaring endearments for Roco, who was also former secretary of the Department of Education.

The funeral procession from Ateneo to the Basilica lasted for one-and-a-half

PRIDE/ A21

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Batanes Group of Islands, Aparri including Cagayan Group of Islands, Kalinga and Apayao will have stormy weather and the coastal waters along these areas will be rough to very rough. The rest of Luzon and Visayas will have occasional rains. Mindanao will be partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms mostly in the afternoon or evening. SOURCE: PAGASA

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Laoag	Rains	Tacloban	Rains
Clark Zone	Rains	Gen. Santos	Partly Cloudy
Tagaytay	Rains	Zamboanga	Partly Cloudy
Legazpi	Rains	Cagayan de Oro	Cloudy with Rains
Calapan	Rains	Davao	Partly Cloudy

Ex-general faces bribery raps

By Armand N. Nocum and Tina G. Santos

TWO MUNICIPAL Commission on Elections officials yesterday filed bribery charges at the Department of Justice against the persons who allegedly tried to bribe them to implicate the President in cheating in the 2004 elections.

Comelec officers Gilbert Z. Palogan and Ferdinand Gerardo, of Hagonoy, Bulacan, and San Simon, Pampanga, respectively, identified those who allegedly offered them cash and US visas as retired Gen. Julius Yarcia, David Tan and several John Does.

Escorted by National Bureau of Investigation agents, Palogan and Gerardo filed charges against Yarcia et al for violation of Presidential Decree No. 46, which prohibits public officials from receiving gifts, and Article 212 of the Revised Penal Code relative to the corruption of public officials.

Tan reportedly owns the billiards hall in Quezon City where one of the meetings between the Comelec officers and Yarcia's group was held.

Palogan and Gerardo said they were also mulling over filing separate criminal charges against Yarcia, former Comelec Commissioner Ralph Lantion and lawyer Frank Chavez who "forced us at gunpoint in a Makati hotel to sign untruthful statements alleging poll fraud in the 2004 elections."

After that meeting, Gerardo executed a statement claiming he witnessed the payoff of poll officials by the President and Lilia Pineda, wife of suspected "jueteng" lord Rodolfo "Bing" Pineda, at the White House in Clark, Pampanga, on May 7, 2004.

"They wanted us to corroborate the statements of Michaelangelo Zuce," Palogan said, referring to the former Palace functionary who had claimed he was present when jueteng money was distributed to Comelec officials in the Quezon City home of President Macapagal-Arroyo in January 2004.

But before he could testify at the Senate inquiry into jueteng and the First Family's involvement in it, Gerardo recanted his statement.

Palogan, an election officer 2, said that from what he and Gerardo gathered in their talks with Yarcia's group, "there is a group of retired generals, tacticians of the opposition, who are tasked to gather people to make statements" against the President and to testify at her impeachment trial.

The witnesses were slated to come out in a "first phase" and a "second phase" of the operation, with Palogan and Gerardo part of the "second phase."

He said they had asked the NBI for protection because they had begun receiving death threats.

Environment Secretary Michael Defensor, meanwhile, who was the President's campaign spokesperson, said it would have been impossible for Ms Arroyo to have been at the White House when the alleged payoffs took place because she was campaigning in Cebu at the time.

Defensor yesterday said he could attest to this because he was with the President in Cebu on May 7.

In a phone interview, he said that from Cebu, he and the President flew back to Manila on the same day but at a late hour. In the plane were actress Kris Aquino, TV director Lupita Kashiwara and Gina de Venecia, Defensor said.

Ampatuan, running mate proclaimed ARMM winners

COTABATO CITY—Mayor Zaldy Puti Ampatuan and Assemblyman Ansaruddin Adiong were proclaimed yesterday as winners for governor and vice governor, respectively, following Monday's regional elections in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM).

"This is the victory of the people of ARMM and for President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo," the visibly jubilant Ampatuan said after Comelec officials led by Chair Benjamin Abalos, commissioners Rex Borra and Florentino Tuazon Jr. raised his hand and that of his running mate at 5:05 p.m.

His mother, Hadja Bai Laila, was the first person Ampatuan called upstage, saying "without her there could have been no Zaldy Ampatuan here with you," he said to the applause of the audience at the Shariff Kabunsuan Cultural Complex here. Then he turned and hugged his father, Maguindanao Gov. Datu Andal Ampatuan Sr.

Ampatuan thanked thousands of supporters even as he appealed to political foes to bury their political differences.

"Let's get back to work… Let us face the problem that the region is beset with and pursue development reforms all the way through…."

"We did not do the proclamation in Manila because I want you to see your own leaders when they are proclaimed," Abalos said after the proclamation ceremonies.

Ampatuan said that politics should already cease because the elections were over.

"Let's forget politics now, let's help develop the ARMM," he said addressing his opponents, former ARMM Vice Gov. Mahid Mutilan and businessman Ebrahim Paglas III.

Ampatuan's proclamation was held without the votes from Tawi-Tawi which were yet to be canvassed, because of bad weather.

Pio Jose Joson, chair of Regional Board of Canvassers said even with the Tawi-Tawi returns, Ampatuan would still lead by a wide margin over Mutilan, his closest rival.

Based on the returns minus Tawi-Tawi, Ampatuan got 549,840 against Mutilan's 207,500. *PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Solon going to SC over impeach raps

By Michael Lim Ubac

THE ADMINISTRATION congressman who endorsed the first impeachment complaint lodged against President Macapagal-Arroyo will seek the Supreme Court's intervention to "peacefully resolve" the question of which of the three impeachment complaints against the President should be given due course by the House committee on justice.

Alagad party-list Rep. Rodante Marcoleta said yesterday he would file on Monday a petition for certiorari with application for a temporary restraining order with the high tribunal.

"Barring unforeseen circumstances, (I) should be able to file that," Marcoleta said.

In seeking to temporarily halt the impeachment proceedings, Marcoleta said the justice committee "has no jurisdiction to settle the issue as to which of the three complaints should be recognized."

In a phone interview, he said the Supreme Court should resolve the issue before the committee, tasked to determine the sufficiency in form and substance of the complaints, proceeds with the hearings.

"I wish the Supreme Court [would] resolve that," he said.

Aside from the first complaint filed by lawyer Oliver Lozano, which Marcoleta endorsed, Speaker Jose de Venecia referred to the justice committee the impeachment complaint filed by lawyer Roy Lopez and the amended complaint filed by 41 opposition lawmakers.

From the looks of it, the House is all set to proceed with the hearings as scheduled on Tuesday and Wednesday. De Venecia yesterday ordered the justice committee to hold its hearings in the House's plenary hall.

He said justice committee chair Simeon Datumanong asked that the hearings be moved to a bigger venue to accommodate the 63 panel members, ex-officio members, endorsers and complainants as well as television, print and radio reporters and crew assigned to cover the proceedings.

"The hearings are scheduled from 12 noon until shortly before 4 p.m. when the committee will have to give way to the plenary session," De Venecia said.

Meanwhile, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said yesterday lawyer Romulo Macalintal had agreed to be the President's spokesperson for the impeachment hearings. Macalintal was Ms Arroyo's lawyer during the last elections through the canvassing of returns in the Presidential Electoral Tribunal.

ABS-CBN to lay off 210 more

By Clarissa S. Batino

TWO HUNDRED and ten more employees of ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp. are going to lose their jobs between now and October, casualties of the network giant's strategy to cut cost and regain its lead.

"We plan to (terminate) 360 employees or 20 percent of our workforce by September or early October," ABS-CBN president Luis Alejandro said. "This is part of our restructuring to cut cost."

Alejandro said the company had laid off 150 employees so far. It had also reduced by half the number of its management officers, from 12 to six.

The Lopez-owned network said it would save P350 million a year from the salaries of the employees to be fired.

The savings compare with the retirement benefits, expected to cost about P500 million, that the company will have to provide. The benefits will be financed from the proceeds of a new deal struck by its profitable global unit.

ABS-CBN has 1,800 regular employees. Of the 150 who lost their jobs, 35 were editors and reporters under News and Current Affairs. The 35 got the best termination package, according to sources.

The 150 employees received three months' salary for every year of service, which translated, according to sources, millions of pesos to several highly-ranked employees.

"We started with the News and Current Affairs, then sales and marketing, then we are doing the engineering department this week to next week," said Alejandro.

He said even the network's talents were asked to "cooperate" in the effort to cut costs.

Several celebrities, he said, had agreed to reductions in their talent fees and no talent got an increase. "This should translate to savings of about 10 percent of our costs," said Alejandro.

"We are sticking to our three-point recovery plan. The strategies of focusing on prime time ratings, optimizing production cost and cutting expenses will be continuing," he added.

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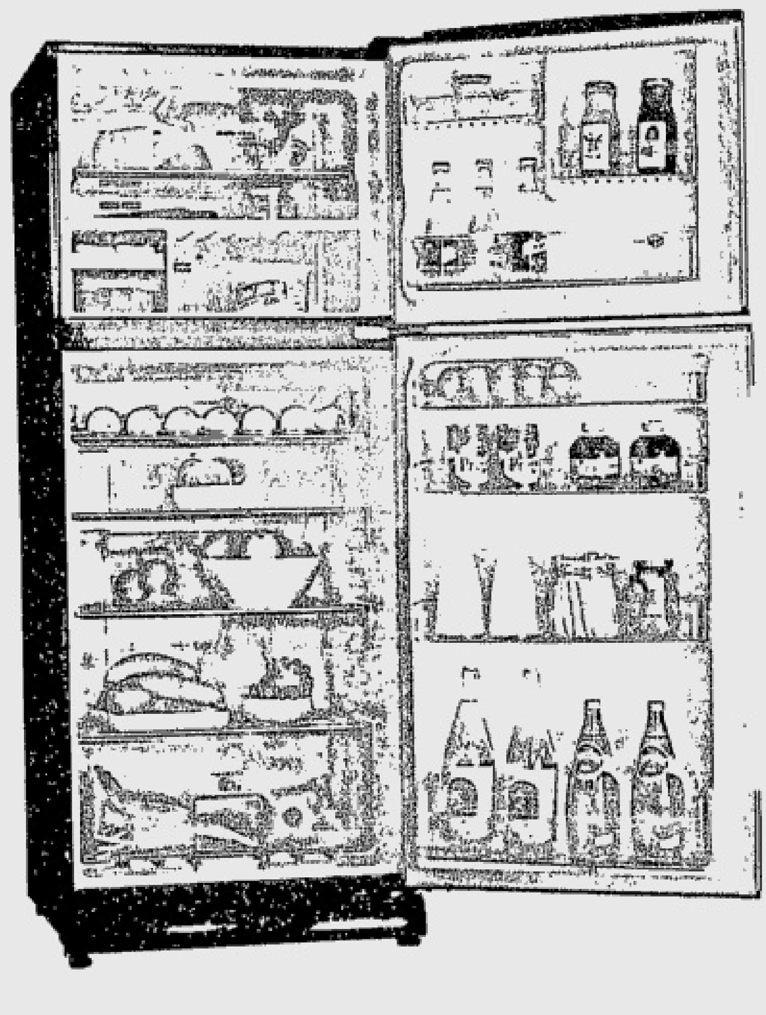

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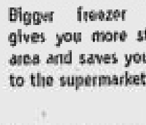

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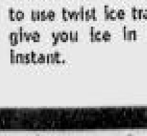

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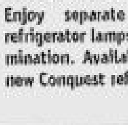

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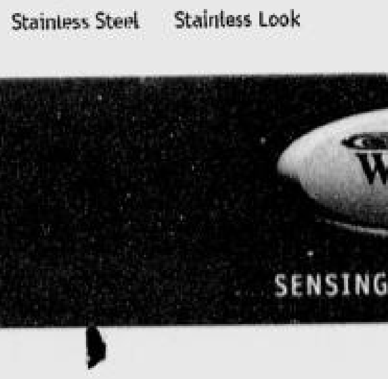

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PROVISIONAL RATE HIKE

SC rejects Meralco plea

By Armand N. Nocum

THE SUPREME Court has rejected with finality the bid of the Manila Electric Co. to raise its power rate by 12 centavos per kilowatt-hour, saying that the decision of the Energy Regulatory Board granting the increase in 2004 constituted "grave abuse of discretion."

In a resolution dated Aug. 9 denying the motions for reconsideration filed by Meralco and the ERC, the high court said Meralco's petition became a non-issue when it opted to use ERC's new guidelines on power rate increases.

"Wherefore, the motion for reconsideration dated July 1, 2004 filed by respondent Manila Electric Company is deemed moot and academic," the tribunal ruled. It added, "The motion for reconsideration dated July 1, 2004 of the Energy Regulator Commission is hereby denied with finality."

In a 22-page en banc resolution signed by acting clerk of court Ma. Luisa Villarama, the tribunal noted that Meralco told the court July 4, 2005 that it had opted to participate in ERC's new performance-based rate-making under the return-on-rate-base methodology.

Meralco also said that it was, in effect, withdrawing its earlier application for a rate increase.

But while Meralco withdrew its application, the high court noted, the ERC still wanted the case resolved for a categorical interpretation of the implementing rules and regulations of the Electric Power Industry Reform Act or Epira.

In junking ERC's authorization to Meralco to increase power by 12 centavos per kilowatt-hour, the SC noted that the authorization was granted in violation of the requirements of the law.

The high court said the provisional authority was granted despite Meralco's failure to publish its application; that ERC failed to resolve pending motions of those opposed and to consider their arguments.

The SC threw out the ERC's argument that the law required only publication of notice of application for rate hike and not the application itself.

The court pointed out that the Epira "clearly requires the publication or petition for rate increase itself and not just the intent to file an application, as the ERC insists."

It also dismissed ERC's contention that Epira's implementing rules and regulation did not stop it from issuing a provisional authority for a rate increase despite pending motions for the production of documents and that it had actually heard the side of those opposed before granting the rate hike.

SC asks Palace for rules on VAT

THE SUPREME Court has asked the government to submit the implementing rules and regulations on the expanded value added tax (e-VAT) law as it wraps up debates and deliberations on petitions seeking the nullification of the e-VAT law.

In an Aug. 9 en banc resolution, the court asked respondents Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita and the Department of Finance to submit within five days "the rules on the implementation of the prices of various goods and services as a consequence of the implementation of the e-VAT law."

Asked whether the order would mean that the SC was keen on junking the petitions, SC Public Information Chief Ishmael Khan Jr. said that it does not follow that they have such inclination.

He said the justices would only want to make sure that the respondents' "understanding of the law is in accord with the spirit and the letter of the law."

"The justices would want to reinforce the belief that the respondents really understood the law," he said.

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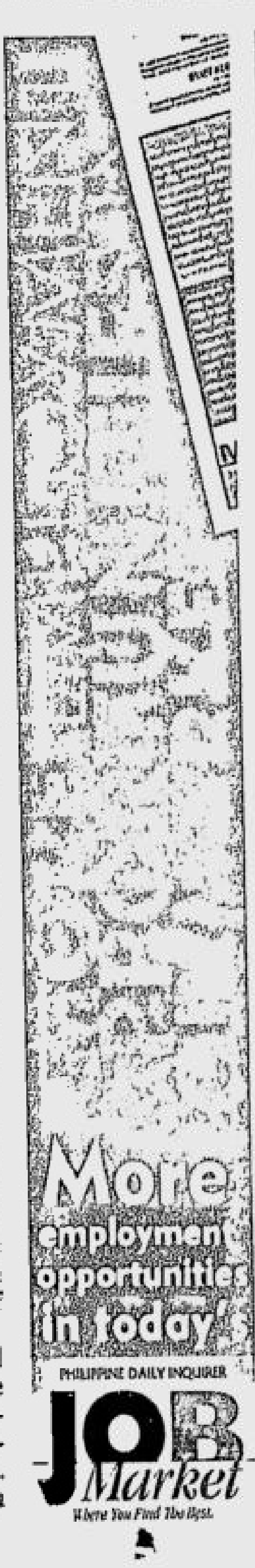
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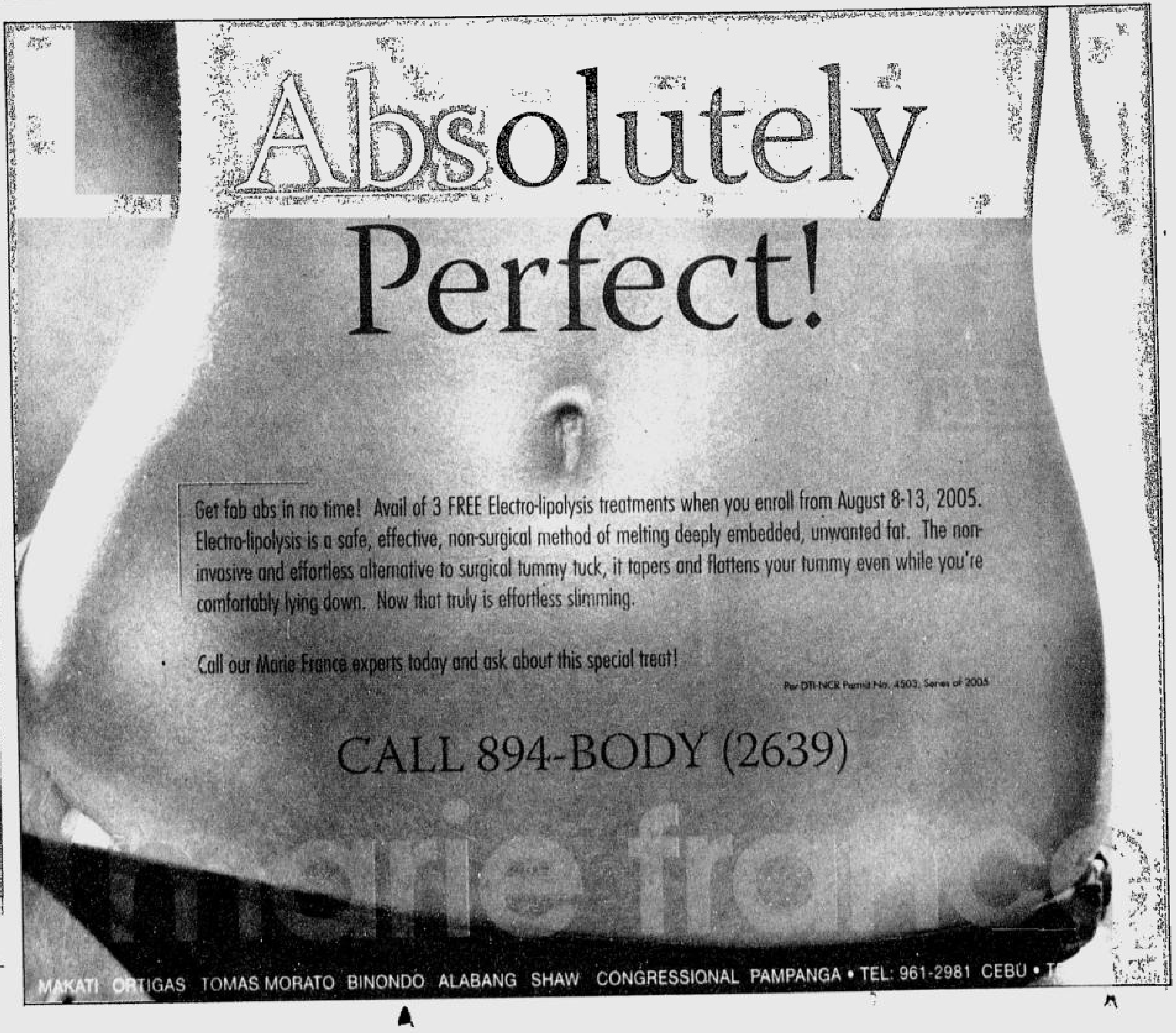
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Duque hits Swiss firm over anti-flu drug

BANGKOK—Swiss pharmaceutical giant Roche's production monopoly on a crucial anti-flu drug is "bordering on the immoral" and should be ended, the Philippine health secretary said at a regional meeting Thursday.

Roche makes the anti-viral drug oseltamivir—sold under the brand name Tamiflu—which treats type A influenza and is considered the world's key defense if the bird flu virus mutates into a strain passed among humans.

Health Secretary Francisco Duque warned that many countries, particularly in hardest hit Southeast Asia, would be at the mercy of the pharmaceutical firm if it demands that its patents be honored.

"It's almost bordering on the immoral to have just one drug company to produce a drug that's going to be a big part of the solution to avoiding the influenza pandemic," Duque told AFP at a regional bird flu meeting in Bangkok.

At least 25 countries on three continents are building up reserves with millions of doses of oseltamivir to react swiftly in the event of a pandemic.

Concern about the imminent appearance of a deadlier and far more infectious type of flu in humans has grown with the spread of the lethal H5N1 strain of bird flu in poultry or wild fowl in Asia and parts of the former Soviet Union.

While research into a vaccine is ongoing, anti-viral drugs are thought to be an effective way of smothering a pandemic strain when it appears, provided the intervention is swift.

"What is also crucial at this point is for the WHO and its member states to bond together and exact some kind of pressure to make sure that not just one drug manufacturer is going to produce the anti-viral," Duque told reporters after the meeting.

The WHO's Thailand representative, William Aldis, said urgent discussions with Roche were underway aimed at maximizing production of the drug.

"I think everyone including WHO is concerned at the limited supply of oseltamivir," he said.

Roche has quadrupled production capacity for the antiviral capsules in the past two years and says it plans to expand further.

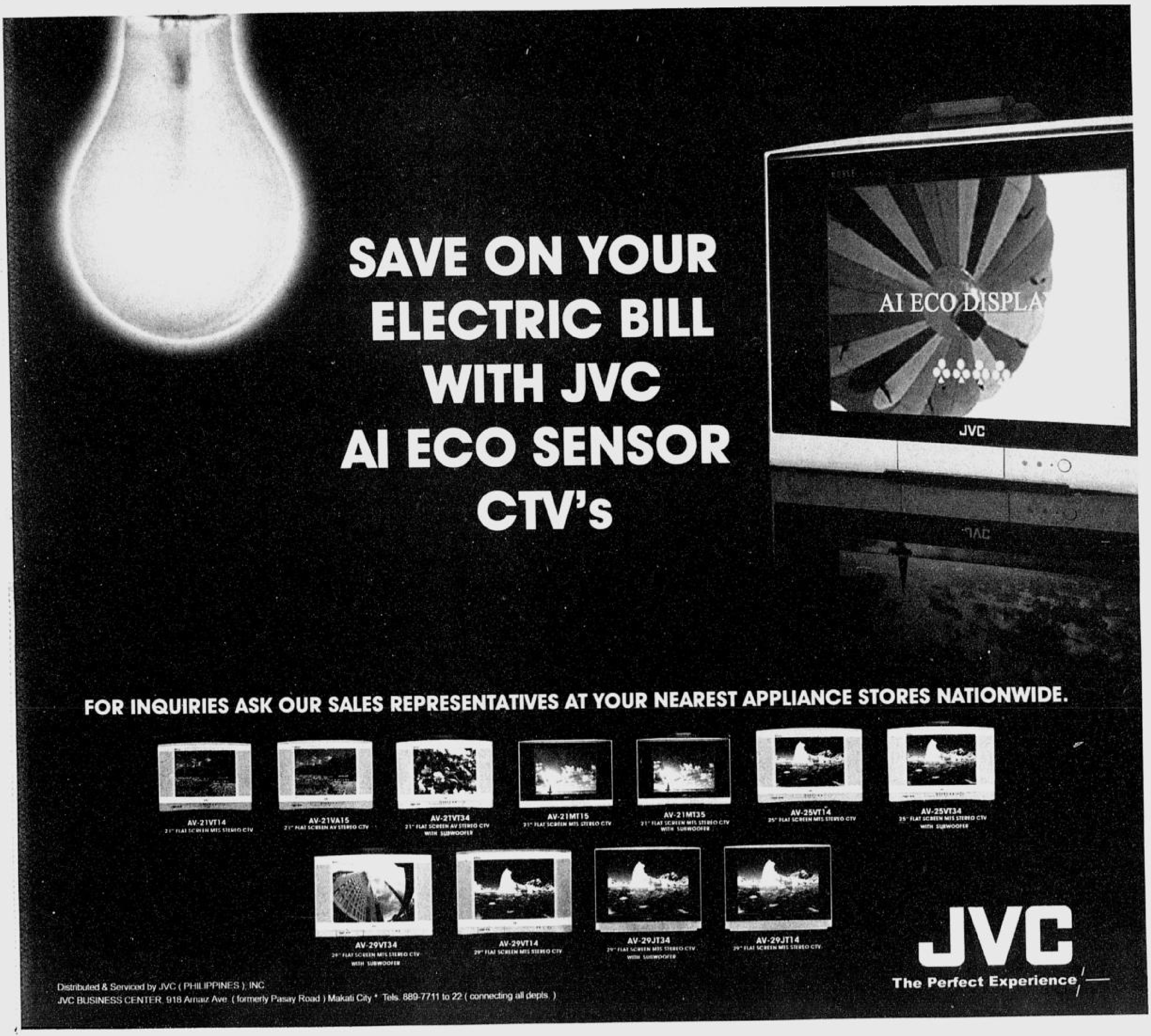
Worldwide sales of Tamiflu more than quadrupled in the first six months of 2005 to $460 million, according to Roche's half-year report for 2005. *AFP*

Correction

IN YESTERDAY'S issue, a front-page story—"Ampatuan heads for landslide victory"—contained an erroneous quote attributed to Steve Edminster, a US Embassy observer on the conduct of the elections at the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao. INQUIRER correspondent Jeoffrey Maitem misquoted Edminster as saying the elections were "not honest" and "there was cheating." Maitem has no written notes or a tape recording to prove Edminster had indeed made such statements to him. We apologize for the error.

In a press statement on the balloting, the US Embassy yesterday commended ARMM citizens "for exercising their right to vote in the Aug. 8 elections. We also commend efforts by civilian, military and police officials to ensure a safe environment for the elections. Ultimately, it is up to the people of the Philippines, particularly Comelec and civil society, to determine if the elections are credible."

Again, our apologies.



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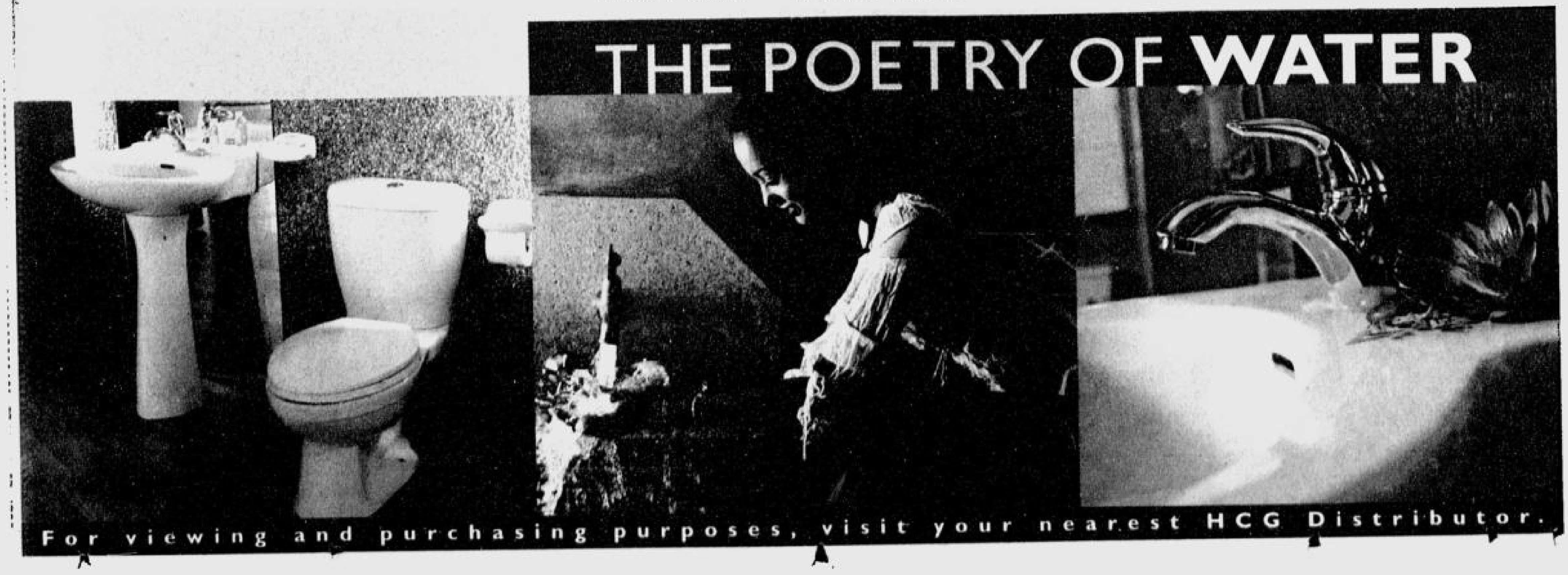

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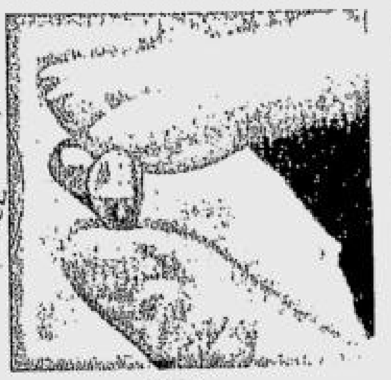

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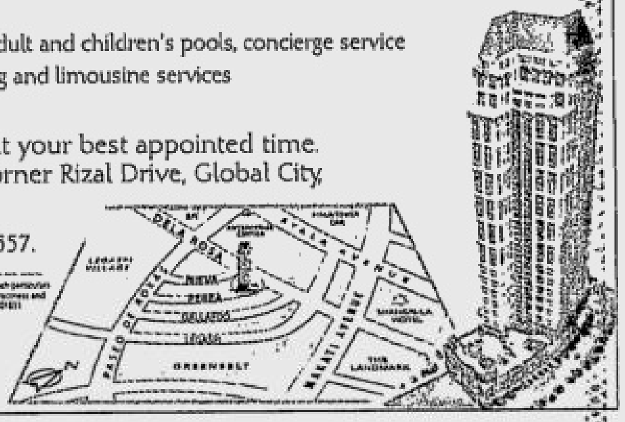

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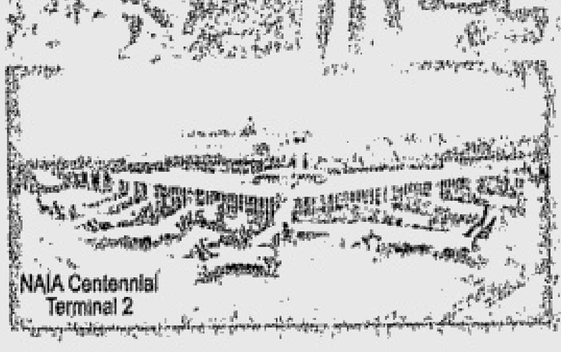

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Deserters a disgrace, says envoy

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The country's envoy to the UN dropped all "diplomatese" in denouncing the two Filipino soldiers who, three months ago, reportedly deserted their peacekeeping contingent in Haiti and were now believed to be in the United States as illegals.

Ambassador Lauro Baja Jr. yesterday said the government has made initial contacts with US authorities to seek their help in tracking down Navy Lt. Valentino Menpin and Marine Sgt. Geoffrey Geslani.

Baja said the two soldiers will be "repatriated and prosecuted for bringing shame to the country. They are a disgrace to the Philippines, the Filipino people and the Filipino peacekeepers who are proudly serving in UN missions worldwide."

Menpin and Geslani face charges before a military court for violation of the Articles of War as deserters, he said.

The embassy is now just waiting for the Armed Forces of the Philippines to file charges against the two deserters before formalizing the request for US assistance, he added.

Col. Daniel Lucero, commander of the 155-member Philippine force in Haiti, told reporters in Manila on Wednesday that two officers have gone AWOL (absent without leave) when they failed to return from R&R trips to the US in April.

Menpin did not report back to his unit when his leave ended in late April, Lucero said in his report to Baja. Geslani, meanwhile, left for Florida to visit his brother Gary, a member of the US Navy, but has since not returned well after his leave ended in the first week of May.

UN peacekeepers are paid around $90 per day for a six-month tour of duty. The Philippines sent troops to Haiti last December to support a Brazilian-led multinational force tasked to keep peace and stability in the strife-torn Caribbean island nation. *Volt Contreras*

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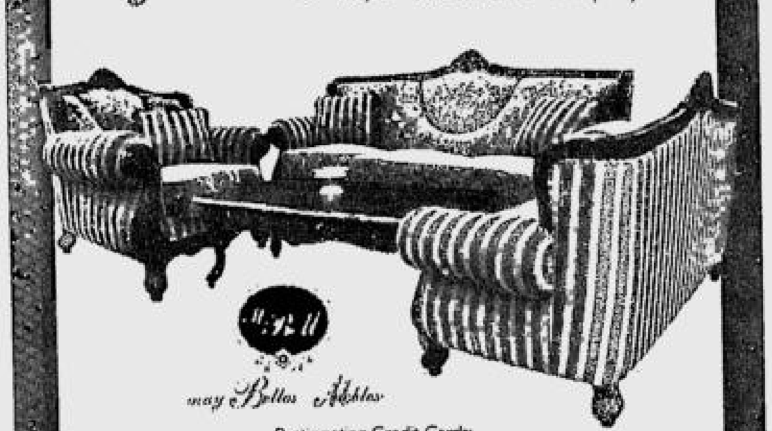

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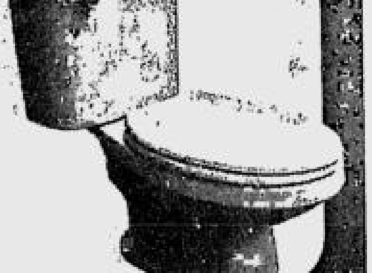

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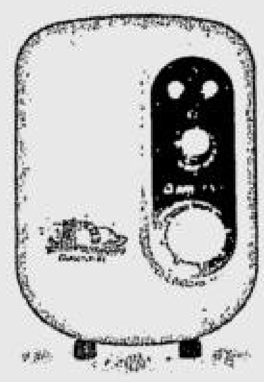

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Subic ocean show reopens

THE DEPARTMENT of Environment and Natural Resources has lifted the cease-and-desist order against Ocean Adventure, allowing the popular marine park to operate while the government is processing its application for an environmental compliance certificate.

The DENR-Environmental Management Bureau issued the order temporarily lifting the CDO Wednesday afternoon following a technical conference with environment and Ocean Adventure officials.

EMB region 3 director Lormelyn Claudio said Ocean Adventure has assured the DENR-EMB that it would comply with all environmental laws.

"They made a commitment that they'll fully comply with all the requirements and rules of the DENR. As they said, and we think, too, the project does not pose a great threat to the environment," Claudio told the INQUIRER in a phone interview yesterday.

Ocean Adventure filed on Aug. 8 a motion for reconsideration before the office of Environment Secretary Michael T. Defensor.

Its motion was endorsed by the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority whose ecology center had issued an ECC to Ocean Adventure and some 300 other locators in the freeport zone before the Court of Appeals ruled that the DENR had jurisdiction over all firms in Subic Bay.

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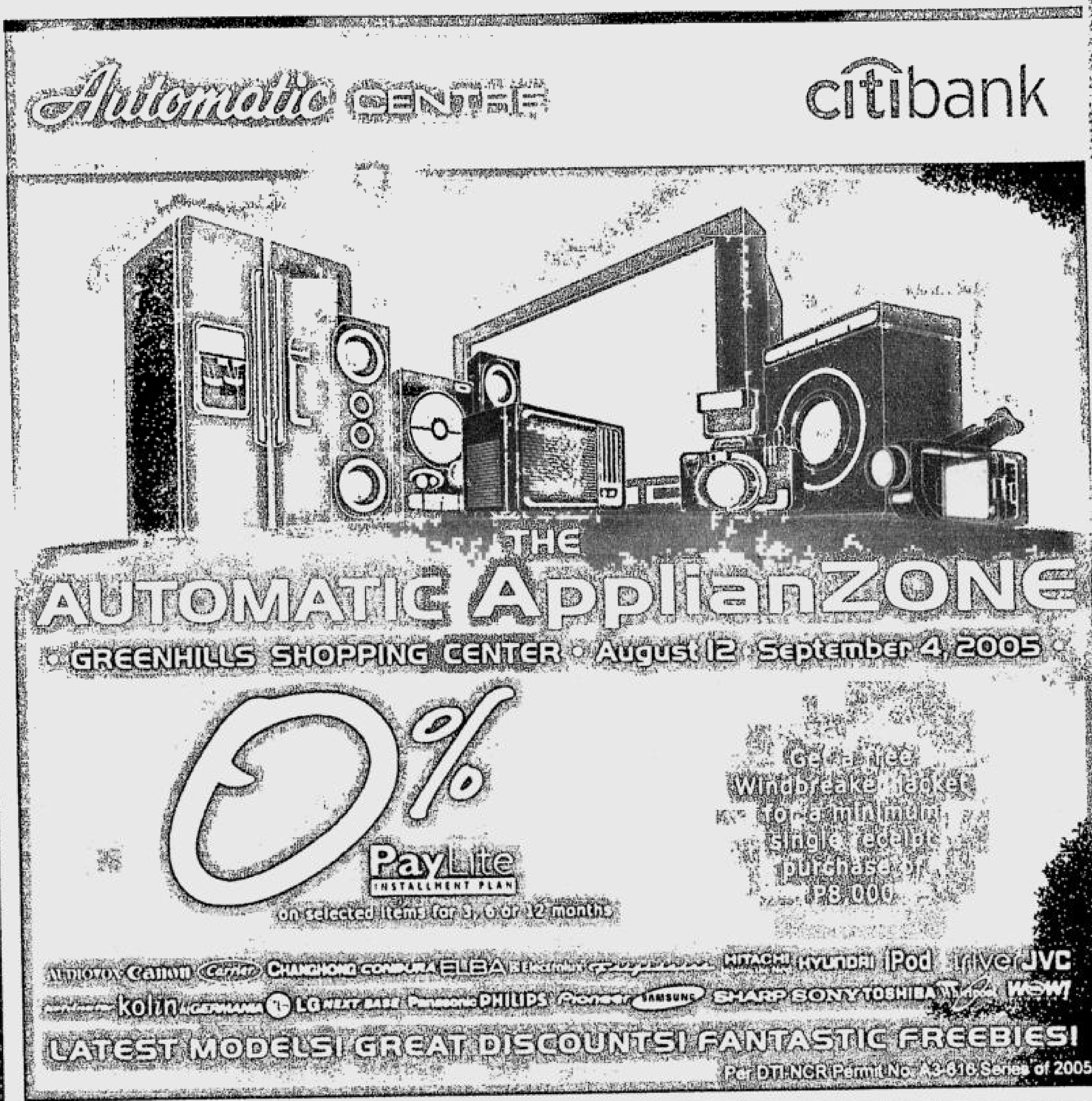
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Oil prices next GMA crisis

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said "sky-high oil prices were a far bigger threat to the survival of President Arroyo than the political scandals she is facing."

Ms Arroyo is facing a widespread clamor for her removal from office over allegations of poll fraud. Three impeachment complaints have been filed against her in the House of Representatives.

The analyst, who declined to be named, said the oil problem was likely to get worse before it got better.

"If oil prices are already setting record highs this summer for Western countries, just imagine how much oil prices will increase during the winter season," the analyst said.

Ms Arroyo said the oil price situation had become a serious problem because "crude oil is now worth $65 in the US and it was only $30 one and a half years ago." *(See related story in Business, Page B7)*

With little alternative to oil imports to fuel motor vehicles, ships, airplanes and power plants, the President and business leaders agree that the best solution to the oil crisis is to cut down on the country's consumption of 330,000 barrels a day.

"This is not a simple test of our resiliency but a real challenge to our economic survival. Let us act now to avoid complications later," Ms Arroyo said in a statement.

Since the start of the year, gasoline prices have increased 14 times by a total of P7.35 a liter, while diesel fuel prices have risen 14 times by a total of P7.05 a liter.

Premium unleaded gasoline now retails at between P31.55 and P33.30 a liter, diesel at between P28.85 and P30.19 a liter, and kerosene at between P30.45 and P31.51 a liter.

Fuel prices will further go up once the Supreme Court lifts its freeze order on the 10-percent expanded valued-added tax. The high court is expected to lift the order this month.

Oil firms in the country, which have not been able to catch up with the surging world prices fast enough, said they still had room to raise the price of unleaded gasoline by another P3 a liter in the coming weeks. The retail price of diesel could still go up by 80 centavos a liter.

In an interview with dzRH radio on July 29, the President indicated that more extreme measures would be undertaken to cut down on oil consumption.

"In the coming months, if oil prices will increase further, we will reach a point that we have to go into rationing," she said.

"Instead of speculating on the price of oil, it's better that we have a contingency plan for every stage of price increase."

Ms Arroyo ordered the Department of Energy to raise public awareness on oil prices through regular bulletins.

Philippine-US Business Council chair Ramon del Rosario Jr. said "rising oil prices pose a dangerous threat to our country's economic and political stability."

To get the country through the growing crisis, it needs credible leadership with strong support from the people, Del Rosario said.

Some businessmen felt it was time the country's politicians put politics in the back seat while focusing on how to address the oil problem.

Economic slowdown

"We have always been concerned with the negative impact of runaway petroleum prices on our fragile economy. I really hope that this time, we can concentrate on economic issues rather than political matters," said Francis Chua, president of the Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chambers of Commerce.

Based on its planning programs, the Department of Energy has set two scenarios in which Dubai crude prices would hit $60 and $70 per barrel.

For every $10 increase in the price of a barrel of Dubai crude, the government expects the country's economy as measured by the gross domestic product to go down by 0.10 percent and inflation to rise by 0.4 percent to 0.5 percent.

Data from the Department of Energy showed that the regional benchmark Dubai crude had skyrocketed to an average of $55.08 a barrel in the Aug. 1-10 period, more than $2 higher than the July average of $52.83 a barrel.

The price of unleaded gasoline based on the Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS) benchmark for refined petroleum products also soared to an average of $69.12 a barrel in the first 10 days of August from $64.70 last month.

MOPS-based diesel, however, dropped to an August average of $69.60 a barrel from the July average of $71.38.

Diesel prices to rise

While diesel prices had not gone up as much as unleaded gasoline prices over the past three months, Energy Undersecretary Peter Anthony Abaya said there was a big possibility that world diesel prices would eventually rise as fast as that of unleaded gasoline.

Although the price of unleaded gasoline had gone up by 54 percent since last December and that of diesel by 35 percent, Abaya said this was no reason to believe that diesel prices would remain relatively flat in the coming months.

The energy undersecretary said diesel prices could suddenly skyrocket with the advent of the winter months as diesel is used as a heating fuel during winter.

He said diesel prices could reach the $80-a-barrel mark by then, higher than the record price of more than $77 a barrel.

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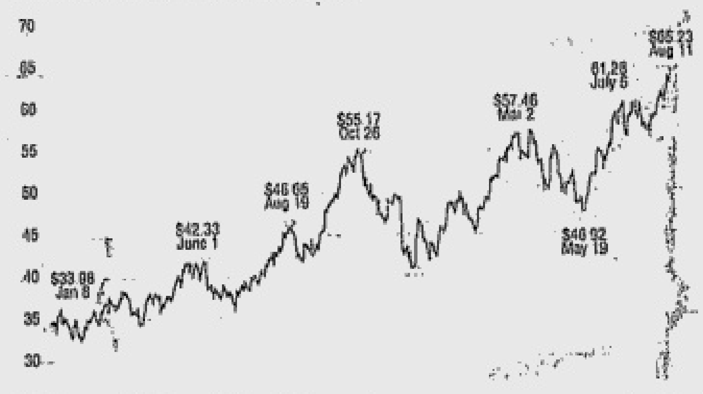

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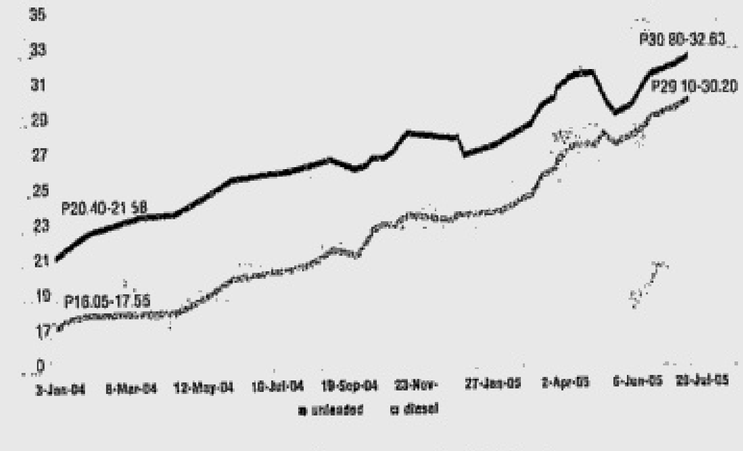

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in a west northwesterly direction at 22 kph.

"Based on its current direction, (Huaning) won't hit landfall over Luzon (but) is expected to hit the Batanes group," said Nathaniel Cruz, weather branch chief of the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa).

Sea, air, travel risky

Storm Signal No. 2 has been raised over Cagayan, Isabela, Kalinga-Apayao and the Calayan and Batanes group of islands, Pagasa said in a bulletin released at 5 p.m. yesterday. Travel by sea and air in these areas will be risky.

With winds of up to 65 kph and rains caused by the storm-enhanced southwest monsoon in these areas, Pagasa expects moderate damage to agriculture, particularly rice and corn.

Nipa houses are expected to be partially or totally unroofed.

"We have to watch out for landslides particularly in such landslide-prone areas as Quezon province, the Cordillera Autonomous Region, as well as Southern Tagalog and the Bicol region," Cruz said.

Southwest monsoon

He said Quezon and the Cordilleras would be some of the areas that would be directly affected by Huaning while Southern Tagalog and Bicol would be more affected by the enhanced southwest monsoon.

"We now have to monitor both sides of Luzon. The eastern side because it will be the side hit by the storm; the western side because of the southwest monsoon that will cause strong rains," Cruz told the INQUIRER.

Signal No. 1 was raised over Aurora, Quirino, Nueva Ecija, Nueva Vizcaya, Ifugao, Benguet, Mountain Province, Abra, the Ilocos provinces, La Union and Pangasinan.

Pagasa said these areas would experience winds of as strong as 30 kph to 60 kph.

Warning

It warned residents in coastal and low-lying areas of flash floods and those near mountain slopes of landslides.

The public was also advised to closely monitor the next severe weather bulletins. Disaster coordinating councils were also advised to take the appropriate actions in their respective jurisdictions.

The weather forecast issued at 4 p.m. yesterday said the Batanes group of islands, Isabela, Aparri, including the Calayan group of islands, Kalinga and Apayao would have stormy weather. Coastal waters in these areas would be rough to very rough.

Weather forecast

"The rest of northern Luzon, Nueva Ecija and Aurora will experience rains and gusty winds and the coastal waters along these areas will be moderate to rough," Pagasa said.

"The rest of Luzon and the Visayas will have occasional rains becoming frequent over the western sections. Mindanao will be partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rain showers and thunderstorms mostly in the afternoon or evening," it said.

Pagasa said moderate to strong winds blowing from the southwest would prevail over western Luzon and the Visayas and the coastal waters in these areas would be moderate to rough.

"Elsewhere, winds will be light to moderate blowing from the southwest with slight to moderate seas. Metro Manila will have occasional rains and winds. Manila Bay will be moderate to occasionally strong," it added.

AFP hits Mendoza, puts Palace on the spot

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fense secretary], who forwarded [the request] to [then Executive Secretary Alberto] Romulo for approval. Then it went down to the AFP. Either way, there was a short-cut," Pascual said.

Garcillano handpicked Mendoza to be his security chief and apparently to get this went straight to Ermita, who incidentally was the head of the ruling Lakas party in Southern Tagalog.

Garcillano was the commissioner in charge of Southern Tagalog and Bicol, both opposition bailiwicks.

Direct from Palace

Mendoza's appointment came directly from Malacañang.

Ermita wrote Romulo on Feb. 20, 2004, recommending the assignment of Mendoza and Sgt. Gerry Bersamira to Garcillano for six months, covering the election period.

Romulo approved the appointment effective March 17, 2004, the date of his memo.

Ermita is now the executive secretary and Romulo, the foreign secretary.

Pascual said the AFP posed an objection after Romulo approved Mendoza's assignment.

In a memo dated April 16, 2004, Rear Adm. Mateo Mayuga, then deputy chief of staff for personnel, informed Romulo that Mendoza and Bersamira had pending cases and were "therefore not qualified for detail outside the AFP, particularly the Comelec."

In 2003, Mendoza was implicated in a scam in the Intelligence Service of the AFP regarding the sale of fake mission orders.

Pascual could not say if Romulo revoked Mendoza's assignment after Mayuga's memo.

But he insisted that Mendoza "was not authorized to go on Comelec duty as far as the [AFP] is concerned."

Not unusual

Military insiders said it was not unusual for Malacañang to "extract" military personnel for confidential and special assignments.

In a press conference on Wednesday, Ermita said it was the AFP that should explain why Mendoza was detailed to Garcillano despite his pending case.

Ermita said he only approved a "temporary" posting good for 30 days.

On the eve of Mendoza's Senate testimony on Wednesday, the AFP dug up the files on his pending case. Pascual did not say then that Mendoza had been assigned to Garcillano as security chief.

Mendoza told the Senate Wednesday that he was recommended for the post by Garcillano's nephew, Capt. Valentino Lopez.

He quoted Garcillano as telling some people under him that suspected jueteng lord Rodolfo "Bong" Pineda had given P300 million to ensure President Macapagal-Arroyo's victory in the 2004 election.

The Young Officers Union of the new generation (YOUng) yesterday expressed support for Mendoza.

"We support the young captain's courageous plight. We urge him to be brave and strong for certainly he is not alone. We will soon uncover the truth that many, including the AFP, had tried to muddle and destroy," the YOUng said in a statement.

Summon Pinedas

Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. wants the two committees conducting the jueteng probe to summon Bong Pineda and his wife Lilia, whom two witnesses have named as the source of the money purportedly used to rig the 2004 election.

"I want to find out why our previous request had not been attended to by the committees," Pimentel told the INQUIRER by phone. "Our request for a subpoena to the jueteng lords seems to have been frozen by some forces."

Pimentel had asked the committees on public order and games chaired by Senators Manuel Villar and Manuel Lapid, respectively, to summon Pineda, Batangas Gov. Armando Sanchez and other suspected big gambling lords.

Villar had earlier said the minority's request was temporarily set aside to allow for the presentation of all the jueteng witnesses of Lingayen-Dagupan Archbishop Oscar Cruz.

After presenting four witnesses, two of whom have recanted, the archbishop announced on Wednesday that he had no more witnesses to present.

Lapid, a former governor of Pampanga where the Pinedas are based, earlier said he saw no reason why Bong Pineda should be invited to testify.

But Pimentel said the Pinedas should be called to the hearings after Mendoza and ex-Palace employee Michaelangelo Zuce testified that the couple was the source of the money used to bribe election officials to favor Ms Arroyo.

The elusive Bong Pineda has been on the list of gambling lords since the early '90s. He and his wife are said to be close friends of Ms Arroyo.

Bolstered credibility

Villar said Mendoza's testimony at the Senate somehow "added credibility" to Zuce's earlier testimony that jueteng money was used to bribe Comelec officials to manipulate the poll results.

"I'm not saying that [Zuce is credible]. I'm just saying his credibility was bolstered. I'm not saying that what he said could be true. This is a matter that the committee will have to discuss," Villar told reporters.

Pimentel said that while Mendoza merely heard Garcillano say Pineda had given Ms Arroyo P300 million to ensure her victory, his testimony taken with those of the other witnesses provided substantial evidence.

"By itself, it has no evidentiary value but if you connect it to other testimonies made of record, it becomes part of a web of evidence that is tightening the noose of guilt around [the President's] neck," he said.

Pimentel said that on a scale of 1 to 10, his satisfaction level with the turnout of the Senate jueteng hearings was 7.

"Of course the Senate committees will probably not declare [Ms Arroyo] guilty," he said. "But they can probably make a recommendation for her prosecution as well as the people who corrupted the Comelec, [who] in effect also undermined the integrity of the electoral process."

No big deal

Environment Secretary Michael Defensor dismissed the testimonies of Mendoza and Zuce, saying there were hundreds of people in Ms Arroyo's campaign team who could also lay claim to having seen or heard the things alleged against her.

In his campaign group alone, he said, 240 or so people could claim that they had witnessed jueteng money changing hands to benefit the President.

"Their testimonies are mere hearsay," Defensor said of the two men. "[Their statements] didn't stand the Senate investigation, and neither were they accepted by the public. I don't think they will stand in an impeachment trial. *With a report from Norman Bordadora*

Palace lauds Miriam for Mendoza grilling

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

MALACAÑANG yesterday patted Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago on the back for her expert questioning of Capt. Marlon Mendoza at Wednesday's Senate hearing on "jueteng."

"As you well know, his testimony is hearsay," Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said at a briefing. "If you followed very closely the cross-examination or interpellation by Senator Santiago, [you would have seen that] she effectively exposed the weak testimony of the witness."

Mendoza testified, among other things, that he had heard then Elections Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano say that suspected jueteng lord Rodolfo "Bong" Pineda had provided P300 million for President Macapagal-Arroyo's 2004 campaign.

Santiago managed to elicit an admission from Mendoza that he had no personal knowledge of cheating in the 2004 election and that his testimony was based primarily on what he had heard Garcillano say when he served as the latter's chief security officer from April to June last year.

Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita has since reiterated Santiago's opinion that Mendoza's testimony was hearsay and, like the tapped conversations between the President and Garcillano, inadmissible as evidence in court.

Santiago has been aggressive in questioning the jueteng witnesses and has repeatedly called for an end to the Senate hearings on the illegal numbers racket.

She once made Lingayen-Dagupan Archbishop Oscar Cruz, an antijueteng crusader, concede that there was no one among the witnesses in his care who would be able to testify against Ms Arroyo herself.

"There is no eyewitness against President Arroyo," Santiago had said. "The case against [her] appears to be closed."

Santiago's dogged defense of Ms Arroyo has raised eyebrows because it was only four years ago that she was doing the same thing for President Joseph Estrada at his impeachment trial.

She was among the 11 senators who voted to keep a second batch of documents sealed, leading to Edsa II and paving the way for Ms Arroyo's entry to Malacañang.

Bunye also told reporters that "many people [were] fed up with the continued presentation of witnesses who merely give hearsay testimonies."

In a radio interview, he described the testimonies as "garbage that need not be valued."

However, Bunye said, Malacañang could not "dictate" to the Senate on whether it should continue with the jueteng hearings.

He said the Palace could only comment on the "quality" of the testimonies. *With a report from Christine O. Avendaño*

Abadia charged

By Nelson F. Flores

THE OFFICE of the Ombudsman yesterday filed graft charges against former Armed Forces chief of staff Lisandro Abadia and eight other military officers due to the alleged P277 million anomaly in the Retirement and Separation Benefits System.

Special Prosecutor Dennis Villa-Ignacio and Deputy Ombudsman for the military Orlando Casimiro, in a 15-page resolution, approved Abadia's indictment after finding probable cause that graft acts were committed when the AFP-RSBS approved a P197 million corporate guarantee and a P80 million short-term loan for Marilaque Land Inc. (MLI).

Villa-Ignacio said Abadia, as head of the RSBS Board of Trustees, approved the loans even without the approval of the defense secretary and even after the RSBS executive committee already initially disapproved the loan proposal.

Ombudsman investigators Ma. Teresa Lee-Rafols, Eugene Parone and Gerard Vasquez said former Gen. Jose Ramiscal conspired with the other defendants and "allowed themselves to be persuaded and influenced by Abadia into approving the loan."

Abadia, in defending the loan, said the case is "merely harassment" noting that the charges were "old, resurrected and rehashed issues" which is nothing but a "complaint for political purposes with no regard for the truth."

Losing proposition

However, Villa-Ignacio said the "MLI loan was a losing proposition from the very start, yet the RSBS Board of Trustees went on to grant the loan proposal."

He added: "By approving the loan of MLI, without taking into consideration the heavy and serious negative impact of the loan to RSBS, the Board of Trustees had placed the system and the government into a very disadvantageous position."

Ombudsman records showed that the RSBS approved the loan in December 2001. Under the loan agreement, MLI was allowed to pay its obligation of P134 million through *dacion en pago* (a payment through asset scheme) even if its asset was worth only P113.9 million or P20.3 million short from the loaned amount.

Aside from Abadia and Ramiscal, the other military officers indicted were Gen. Arnulfo Acedera, Lt. Generals Clemente Mariano and William Hotchkiss III, Vice Adm. Eduardo Santos, Rear Admirals Octavio Dauz and Luisito Fernandez and M/St. Jose Trampeta.

Aside from the graft case, Abadia is also facing a civil suit before the Sandiganbayan.

Earlier, the Ombudsman asked the Sandiganbayan to forfeit all unlawfully acquired properties of Abadia worth more than P11.2 million.

Villa-Ignacio said there is more than reasonable ground that Abadia and his wife Violeta acquired during his incumbency as a public officer ill-gotten wealth amounting to P11,262,876.01 "which is manifestly out of proportion to his salary."

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Friday, August 12, 2005
19th Week in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Jos 24:1-13
Gospel: Matthew 19:3-12

Some Pharisees approached him. They wanted to test him and asked, "Is a man allowed to divorce his wife for any reason he wants?"

Jesus replied, "Have you not read that in the beginning the Creator made them male and female, and he said: Man has now to leave father and mother, and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one body? So they are no longer two but one body; let no one separate what God has joined."

They asked him, "Then, why did Moses command us to write a bill of dismissal in order to divorce?" Jesus replied, "Moses knew your stubborn heart, so he allowed you to divorce your wives, but it was not so in the beginning. Therefore I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, unless it be for infidelity, and marries another, commits adultery."

The disciples said, "If that is the condition of a married man, it is better not to marry." Jesus said to them, "Not everybody can accept what you have just said, but only those who have received this gift. Some are born incapable of marriage. Some have been made that way by others. But there are some who have given up the possibility of marriage for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let the one who can accept it, accept it."

Commentary

Jesus is set up again with a question on marriage—can a man divorce his wife for any reason? (They knew he could according to the law, though not according to the scriptures—and that a woman could not divorce her husband for any reason. The law was not applied equally). Jesus reiterates the Word of God from of old and is blunt in telling them the only reason Moses changed the law back then was because their hearts were stubborn. But Jesus is interested in faithfulness for everyone; love unto death; love as service of life; love between equals; love as he has loved us. So he condemns them. But tells his disciples, all of us that each of us is called to faithfulness whether we are single, unmarried, married, separated or divorced. All we are is for the kingdom. Like those of old with stubborn hearts we have a long, long way to go to learn faithfulness and forgiveness among us all.

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CHICKEN-EGG ADOBO

2 Tbsp	cooking oil	4 pcs	bay leaves
2 pcs	tokwa	1 Tbsp	cornstarch
1/4 kg	chicken thighs, adobo cut	1/2 cup	water
1/4 cup	**Silver Swan soy sauce**	1 Tbsp	**Silver Swan soy sauce**
2 Tbsp	**Silver Swan cane vinegar**	2 tsp	brown sugar
1/4 tsp	peppercorn	1 bundle	kangkong, cut into 4" lengths, steamed
4 cloves	garlic, mashed	2 cloves	garlic, minced, fried to golden brown
4 pcs	eggs, hard-boiled, shelled and halved		

Procedure:
1. Fry tokwa in 2 Tbsp cooking oil until golden brown. Cut each piece into 4 and set aside.
2. In a pan, combine the chicken thighs, 1/4 cup **Silver Swan soy sauce**, **Silver Swan cane vinegar**, peppercorn, mashed garlic, and bay leaves. Let boil. Reduce heat to simmer until chicken is tender.
3. In a small bowl, disperse cornstarch in 1/2 cup water. Add sugar and 1 Tbsp **Silver Swan soy sauce**. Set aside.
4. Add the egg halves to the tender chicken. Pour in the cornstarch mixture, stirring the sauce constantly until it thickens. Remove pan from heat.
5. With some of the sauce set aside, place the adobo on a platter, the steamed kangkong and the fried tokwa arranged on its side.
6. Pour sauce over the kangkong and tokwa and sprinkle with fried garlic on top. Serve hot. Makes 4 servings.

% Recommended energy and nutrient intakes

Energy	Pro	Ca	P	Fe	VitA	VitB1	VitB2	VitB3	VitC
18	68	27	44	29	72	24	51	36	35

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PIZZA OMELET

1/4 cup	cooking oil	2 tsp	pizza seasoning or 1/4 tsp each of basil leaves, thyme leaves and oregano
4 pcs	sliced ham, cubed	2 Tbsp	cooking oil
2 cloves	garlic, minced	2 pcs	eggs, beaten
8 pcs	tomatoes, diced	3 pcs	pandesal, cubed
1 pc	green bell pepper, chopped		grated cheese
2 Tbsp	spring onion, chopped		
1 Tbsp	**Silver Swan soy sauce**		
1 tsp	ground pepper		

Procedure:
1. Heat oil. Stir fry ham. Add garlic, tomatoes, green bell pepper and spring onion. Cook until mixture becomes saucy. Season with **Silver Swan soy sauce** and pepper. Add pizza seasoning. Set aside.
2. Divide all ingredients into two. Divide tomato-ham mixture into 4 parts.
3. Heat 1 Tbsp oil. Pour one beaten egg. On half side of egg, quickly place the omelet filling, 1/4 tomato-ham mixture, some cubed pandesal, another 1/4 tomato-ham mixture, and grated cheese sprinkled on top.
4. Fold half of egg over filling to cover. Remove from heat.
5. Do the same with the remaining egg and other ingredients. Makes 4 servings.

Optional: You may add mushrooms and pineapple chunks. Serve with catsup or **Silver Swan hot sauce**.

% Recommended energy and nutrient intakes

Energy	Pro	Fat	CHO	Ca	P	Fe	VitA	VitB1	VitB2	VitB3	VitC
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The WORLD

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Bird flu spreads to Siberia, Mongolia

ASTANA/MOSCOW—A bird flu outbreak extended its reach in Russian Siberia and spread to Mongolia on Wednesday, and neighboring Kazakhstan confirmed a fowl virus found in the Central Asian state could kill humans.

Officials said no people had been infected so far, but the highly potent H5N1 strain has killed over 50 people in Asia since 2003. Outbreaks in the ex-Soviet bloc raised fears the virus could infect humans and trigger a global epidemic.

In Siberia's Novosibirsk region, officials found the virus in another village, Novorozino, taking the total number of infected areas there to 14, Interfax news agency reported.

"Domestic birds in that village will be… killed," Interfax quoted a regional administration official as saying.

About 35,000 birds have been killed in the Novosibirsk region to prevent the deadly virus from spreading further.

The total number of bird deaths since the epidemic hit Siberia in mid-July rose to 8,347 on Wednesday, the Emergencies Ministry said. The number on Tuesday was just over 5,580.

"There have been no cases of people getting ill," the ministry said in a note.

In Kazakhstan, which shares a long border with Siberia, the Agriculture Ministry confirmed that the virus found in birds was the deadly H5N1 strain.

The ministry, which reported an outbreak of avian flu on Aug. 4, said a quarantine was in place in the affected area near the Golubovka village in northern Kazakhstan's Pavlodar region.

In Mongolia, which also shares a border with Russia, nearly 80 migratory birds have died from bird flu, the first time the disease has been reported in the country, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) said.

The Russian Emergencies Ministry said most bird deaths on Tuesday and Wednesday occurred in the Omsk and Kurgan regions on the Kazakh border. Other affected Russian regions include Altai, Tyumen and Novosibirsk.

Some Russian health and veterinary officials have suggested migrating birds could export the virus as far away as the United States from Siberia.

There are no known cases of H5N1 bird flu passing from one human to another, but some health officials fear that the virus could mutate and create a pandemic to rival the 40 million people killed by Spanish flu at the end of World War One.

Kazakhstan, roughly the size of Western Europe with a population of just 15 million people, sought to play down fears of a growing problem.

"The epizootic situation in (Kazakhstan's) poultry farms is safe," the Agriculture Ministry said. "As of Aug. 9 there have been no reports of new outbreaks of the disease among poultry or wildfowl in the republic."

It added officials were testing wildfowl in the many lakes and reservoirs near the village of Golubovka. A quarantine was also in place at the village of Vinogradovka where bird flu was earlier reported and 345 poultry birds had been culled, it said.

The European Union said on Saturday it would ban imports of chicken and other poultry from Russia and Kazakhstan to help prevent the spread of the disease—a symbolic measure as there is no poultry trade between them and the EU. *Reuters*

Bird flu in Tibet, China says

BEIJING—A bird flu outbreak in Tibet has killed 133 chickens in the first cases of the disease found in the Himalayan region this year, but no human cases were reported, an official from the UN Food and Agriculture Organization said Thursday.

China's Agriculture Ministry informed the FAO on Thursday morning of the outbreak in the Tibetan capital Lhasa, and said the chickens carried the H5N1 strain of the virus, which has infected millions of birds in Asia, said Zhang Zhongjun, an official in the FAO's Beijing office.

There was no mention of any human cases, Zhang said.

A spokesperson for the Agriculture Ministry said he didn't know of any bird flu cases reported in Tibet. The spokesperson, contacted by phone, would give only his surname, Li.

Avian flu has killed more than 6,000 migratory birds in China's northern province of Qinghai, and cases have been reported in the Xinjiang region in the northwest. Both areas border Tibet.

Health experts have warned that migratory geese and gulls in Qinghai could be poised to spread the virus to India, Australia, New Zealand and eventually Europe when they fly south this summer.

Migratory birds have not been susceptible to bird flu in the past, and the outbreak of H5N1 among a huge population of wild birds has raised fears that a new more virulent form of the virus has emerged.

H5N1 has devastated poultry stocks across the region, killing or forcing the slaughter of hundreds of millions of chickens and ducks since 2003.

The H5N1 virus has been entrenched in poultry in Southeast Asia since 2003, and has infected people who came in contact with sick chickens, claiming 61 lives. There have been no reports of human infections in China.

Experts fear the virus will mutate into a strain that can jump directly from person to person, unleashing a deadly pandemic. *AP*

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Portion of Tirona Highway from near Aguinaldo Highway to near Aguinaldo Shrine including Globe Telecomms, Maynilad, R. A. Malvar Trading, Child Development & Guidance Center, Bo. Mabolo, Camella Homes, Addas Townhomes, Bo. Salinas, Ramon Resurrecion Subd. in Bacoor. Fatima Church, Cavite Jackpot and Bo. Malamok in Kawit

BETWEEN 10:00AM AND 4:00PM – PORTION OF CIRCUITS BACOOR 412WX AND 414WX AND DASMARIÑAS 42DA

Portion of Gen. F. Yengco St. and Bayan Luma Road from near Tirona Highway to near Aguinaldo Highway including PLDT, Manggahan St., Colet Subd. in Kawit; Velarde Subd. Ph. 1 & 2, Dr. Eulogio Villanueva Ave., E. Villanueva Subd., FCI Phils., Juliard Homes, Barzaga Subd., Juliard Homes 2, Carsadang Bago, Woodstock Homes, Villa Lasquete, ACM Oak Park, Gardenville Subd., Narra Homes, Bgy. Pag-Asa, Mikesell Subd., Medicion Road, Balimbing Drive, Capt. Bella, Gen. Elias Topacio Sts., Imus Institute Annex, Dimasalang Subd., Meralco-Imus Branch Office, Funeraria Samson, Greenfield Subd., Benta Subd., Pinagpala Subd., Baylum Subd., Treelane 2 Subd., Sarreal Village, Camella Homes Nueva, Donnakylevin Subd., Nicasia Subd. 3, Virra Homes, Sauler Compound, PAGCOR, Del Pilar Village, Treelane 3 Subd. and La Trinidad Academy in Bgy. Bayang Luma, Imus.

Along Alapan Road from Bayan Luma Road to near Carsadang Bago including Bo. Alapan, Country Mile Homes, Lakersfield Homes, Alfonso Village and Westwood Homes in Imus.

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Portion of Salitran-Salawag Road from near Bgy. Salitran to Congressional North Road in Dasmariñas.

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REASON: Commissioning of new circuits Imus 420WK, 422WK, 423WK, 424WK and 425WK

MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2005

BATANGAS (BATANGAS CITY)

BETWEEN 9:00AM AND 5:00PM – THE WHOLE OF CIRCUIT MAHABANG PARANG 32WZ

Bgys. Mahabang Parang, Concepcion and Bucal.

REASON: Various Transco maintenance work along Mahabang Parang-Bucal 13.8 kV transmission lines

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2005

QUEZON CITY

BETWEEN 12:01AM AND 5:00AM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT NOVALICHES 49YJ

Along Riverside St. from Sta. Maria St. to and including Adarna Ext., Unit V, NGC Row Housing Project and Riverside Homesite in Bgy. Holy Spirit.

REASON: Various maintenance work along Riverside St. in Bgy. Holy Spirit, Quezon City.

PASAY CITY AND MANILA (MALATE)

BETWEEN 12:01AM AND 12:30AM AND THEN BETWEEN 5:00AM AND 5:30AM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT MALATE 19J

Portion of Bgy. San Jose bounded by Vito Cruz Ave., F. B. Harrison Ave., San Juan, Leveriza, Fresno and Donada Sts. including Maytubig, Balagtas, Humildad, Estrella, N. Del Rosario, Lourdes, Dapitan, Suerte, Perla, David, Menlo Sts. in Malate, Manila.

Portion of Taft Ave. from Vito Cruz Ave. to near Meralco-Malate substation in Malate, Manila

BETWEEN 12:01AM AND 5:30AM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT MALATE 19J

Portion of Leveriza St. from near Buendia Ave. to near Vilaruel St. in Bgy. San Jose, Pasay City.

REASON: Various maintenance work along Leveriza St. cor. Buendia Ave. in Bgy. San Jose, Pasay City.

TUESDAY TO WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16-17, 2005

QUEZON PROVINCE (LUCBAN AND SAMPALOC)

BETWEEN 10:00PM (TUE., 08/16/05) AND 6:00AM (WED., 08/17/05) – PORTION OF CIRCUIT TAYABAS 48ZY (SVT LUCBAN 12ZF)

Portion of M. H. Del Pilar St. and Lucban – Sampaloc Provincial Road from Gen. Luna St. in Lucban town proper to and including Core Housing in Bgy. Bataan, Sampaloc; Cabungcal, Jaboneros, C. Arellano, A. Dela Cruz, M. D. Aguilar, Katipunan, Concepcion, San Luis Sts., Katipunan Village, Lucban town proper; Bgys. Piis, Kabatete, Aliliw, Abang and Nalunao in Lucban.

REASON: Conversion of 6.24 kV electric system to 20 kV system along M. H. Del Pilar St. in Lucban town proper, Quezon Province

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2005

MANILA (ERMITA)

BETWEEN 12:01AM AND 2:00AM – THE WHOLE OF CIRCUIT TEGEN 44B

Portion of Zobel, San Marcelino Sts. and United Nations Ave. from Meralco-Tegen substation to and including one-feed of Holiday Inn (Manila Pavilion Hotel), Globe Mackay Radio & Cable Co., Times Plaza, Medical Center Manila and Manila Doctor's Hospital.

Portion of Taft Ave. from near Padre Faura St. to near Padre Burgos St. including National Bureau of Investigation, World Health Organization, Masagana Supermart and Sunvesco Bldg.

REASON: Various maintenance work along United Nations Ave. in Ermita, Manila.

QUEZON PROVINCE (PAGBILAO)

BETWEEN 9:00AM AND 2:00PM – THE WHOLE OF CIRCUIT PAGBILAO 11WD

Portion of Maharlika Highway from Miramar Village in Bgy. Mapagong to and including Bgys. Silangan Malicboy, Binahaan, Ibabang Palsabangon, Ilayang Palsabangon, Pinagbayanan, Ikirin, Real Parang and Daungan.

REASON: Preventive maintenance and testing work inside Meralco – Pagbilao substation

WEDNESDAY TO THURSDAY, AUGUST 17-18, 2005

RIZAL PROVINCE (ANTIPOLO CITY AND CAINTA); AND MARIKINA CITY

BETWEEN 11:30PM AND 12:00MN (WED., 08/17/05) AND THEN BETWEEN 5:30AM AND 6:00AM (THU., 08/18/05) – PORTIONS OF CIRCUIT MASINAG 45WN

Portion of A. Bonifacio St. from Manggahan St. to near J. P. Rizal St. including St. Joseph Village, Provident Village and Holy Family Village in Bgy. Jesus dela Peña, Marikina City.

Portion of Sumulong Highway from Marcos Highway to near E. Dela Paz St. including Masinag Market, Kainan sa Bahay Bahayan, Lopez Ville Subd., La Unica Hija Subd., Saarland Village, Villa Maria Subd., Manila COD Pabahay, Broadway Pines Executive Village, Hillside Plaza, PLI Homes Subd., Oliveros Compound, Mayamot Elementary School, St. Mary Subd., Floraville Royale Park Subd., Coca – Cola – Antipolo Plant, Aramis Lodge, Ponderosa Leather Goods in Bgys. Mayamot and Cupang, Antipolo City; Roosevelt College, Green Acres Subd., Genesis Subd., Bautista Compound, J & E Subd., Francesca Homes, Finasia Homes, UE Village, Grande Valle Subd. in Bgys. Balanti and San Isidro, Cainta, Rizal Province; Vista Valley Executive Village, New Marikina Subd., Blue Wave – Marikina City, Havi Foods, McDonald's-Sumulong Highway, Greendale Supermarket, E. Rodriguez Sr. Memorial Hospital, Marikina Institute of Science and Technology, Marikina Sports Complex and Marikina City Hall in Bgys. Sto. Niño, Sta. Elena and San Roque, Marikina City.

BETWEEN 11:30PM (WED., 08/17/05) AND 6:00AM (THU., 08/18/05) – PORTION OF CIRCUIT MASINAG 45WN

Portion of Sumulong Highway from near J. P. Rizal St. to E. Dela Paz St. in Bgy. Sta. Elena, Marikina City.

REASON: Replacement of rotten pole along Sumulong Highway in Bgy. Sta. Elena, Marikina City.

MANILA (TONDO)

BETWEEN 11:30PM (WED., 08/17/05) AND 4:30AM (THU., 08/18/05) – PORTION OF CIRCUIT NORTH PORT 45H

Portion of Jose Abad Santos Ave. (Manuguit) from Morong St. to Hermosa St. in Manuguit

REASON: Replacement of rotten pole along Jose Abad Santos Ave. in Tondo, Manila.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2005

QUEZON PROVINCE (CANDELARIA)

BETWEEN 8:00AM AND 8:30AM AND THEN BETWEEN 3:30PM AND 4:00PM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT SAN PABLO II 46WJ – CANDELARIA 42ZC

Portion of Maharlika Highway from Tiaong – Candelaria boundary to and including West Valley Homes in Bgys. Masin Norte; Alvinville Subd., Lourdes Village in Bgy. Bukal Sur; Bgys. Buenavista I, Buenavista II and East Buenavista.

BETWEEN 8:00AM AND 4:00PM – THE WHOLE OF CIRCUIT CANDELARIA 44ZC; AND PORTION OF CIRCUIT SAN PABLO II 46WJ – CANDELARIA 42ZC

Portion of Maharlika Highway and Rizal Ave. from near West Valley Homes to Ona St. in Candelaria Town Proper including Nueva Subd. and Nadres Subd. in Bgys. Masin Sur, Masin Norte and Bukal Norte.

REASON: Various maintenance work along Maharlika Highway in Candelaria, Quezon Province.

FRIDAY TO SATURDAY, AUGUST 19-20, 2005

BULACAN (BALAGTAS AND BOCAUE)

BETWEEN 11:00PM AND 11:15PM (FRI., 08/19/05) AND THEN BETWEEN 4:45AM AND 5:00AM (SAT., 08/20/05) – PORTION OF CIRCUIT BALAGTAS 13YA

Portion of McArthur Highway from Meralco-Balagtas substation in Balagtas to and including Bo. Bambang Bambang, A. Luna, Mabini, J. P. Rizal, A. Bonifacio, F. Zamora, Burgos, Gomez, Sandico Sts., Bos. Wakas Sulucan and Bgy. Antipona in Bocaue

BETWEEN 11:00PM (FRI., 08/19/05) AND 5:00AM (SAT., 08/20/05) – THE WHOLE OF CIRCUITS BOCAUE 50YE AND 43YE AND PORTION OF CIRCUIT BALAGTAS 13YA

Portion of McArthur Highway from Meralco-Bocaue substation along Duhat Road to and including Bo. Igulot, Bgy. Biñang, Bo. Bunlo, New Bocaue Saw Mill, Harly Ice Plant, New Olympic Industrial Corp. PR Mariano Rice Mill, Excel Wood Industries and JIL Christian School Foundation in Bocaue.

Along Duhat Road from McArthur Highway to North Diversion Road including Bgy. Bundukan, Igulot Barangay Hall, Sitio Gitna Duhat and RS Textiles in Bocaue.

REASON: Various maintenance work along McArthur Highway in Bocaue, Bulacan

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2005

QUEZON CITY

BETWEEN 7:00AM AND 7:30AM AND THEN BETWEEN 3:30PM AND 4:00PM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT STA. MESA 21F

Portion of N. Ramirez, Bayani, Unang Hakbang and Visayan Ave. from Meralco-Sta. Mesa substation to and including portion of E. Rodriguez, Banawe, Data, Matimyas and Luskot Sts. in Bgys. Don Manuel and Doña Josefa

BETWEEN 7:00AM AND 4:00PM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT STA. MESA 21F

Portion of E. Rodriguez Ave. from near BMA Ave. to and including Capitol Devt. Bank, Ministop Convenience Store and Eastern Construction in Bgy. Doña Josefa

REASON: Upgrading of facilities along E. Rodriguez Ave. in Bgy. Doña Josefa, Quezon City

LAGUNA (STA. ROSA)

BETWEEN 8:00AM AND 3:00PM – THE WHOLE OF CIRCUIT BALIBAGO 64XV – BIÑAN 61BN/62BN

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Portion of Molino Road from Salitran Road to near Queen's Row Road including San Miguel I, Georgetown Heights Subd., St. Mary Homes, Springville West, Molino 3, Annaville Subd. and Progressive Village 5 in Bacoor

Portion of Gov. D. Mangubat Ave. from Gen. E. Aguinaldo Highway to Congressional South Road including University Medical Center, Jopauen Realty, Student Village, Bgy. Burol, Manuela Village, Summerwind IV and Southcrest Village in Dasmariñas.

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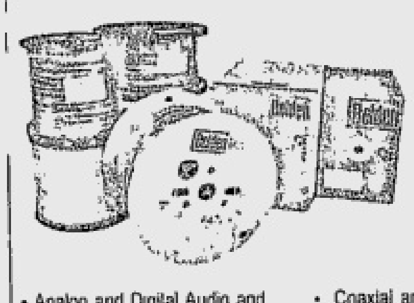

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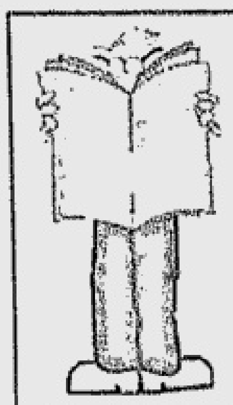

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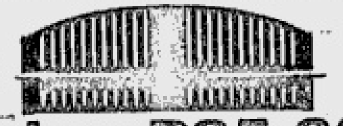

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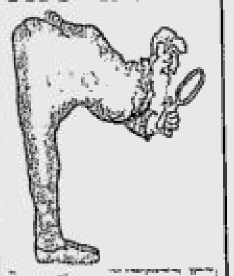

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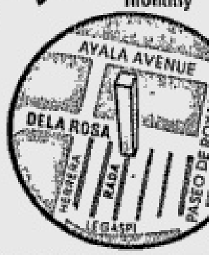

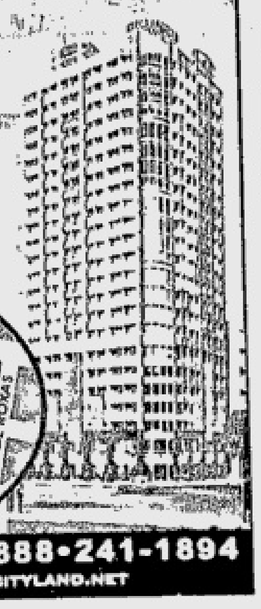

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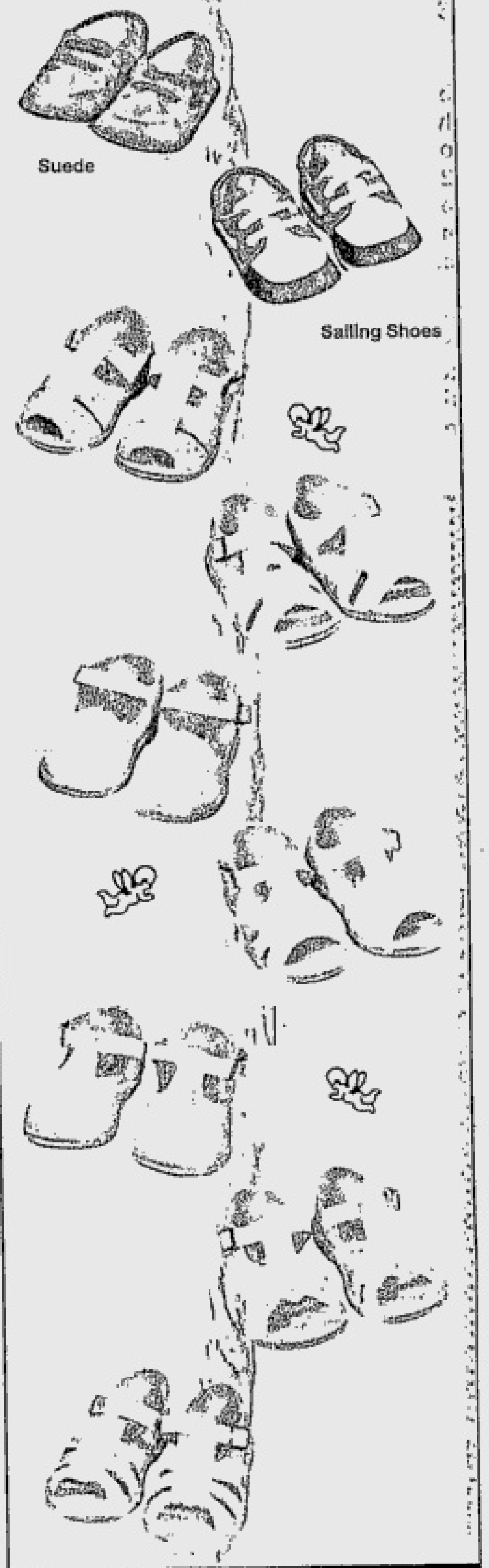

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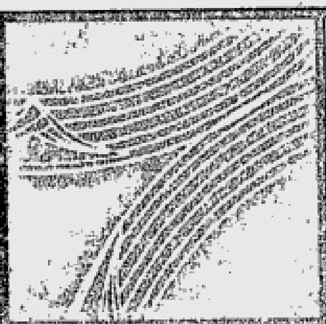

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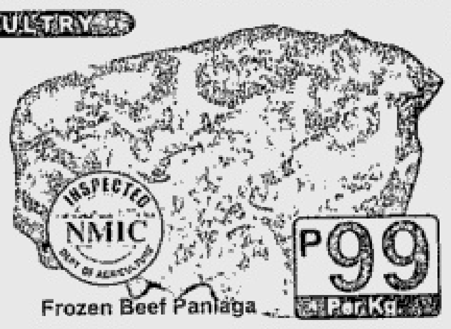

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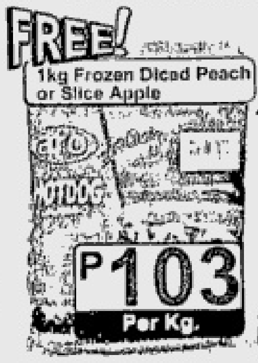

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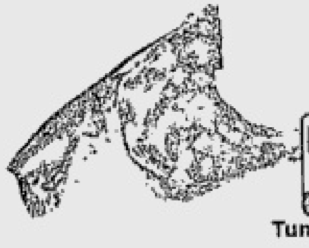

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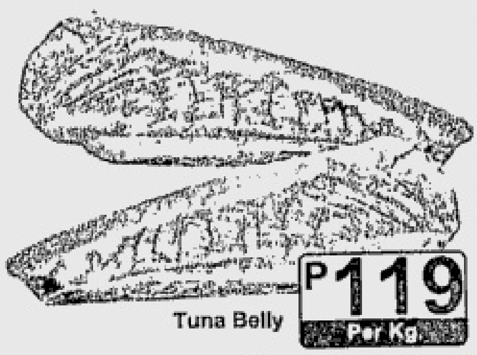

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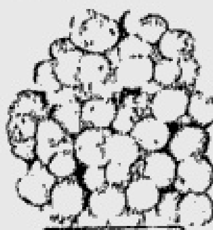

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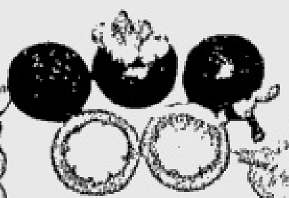

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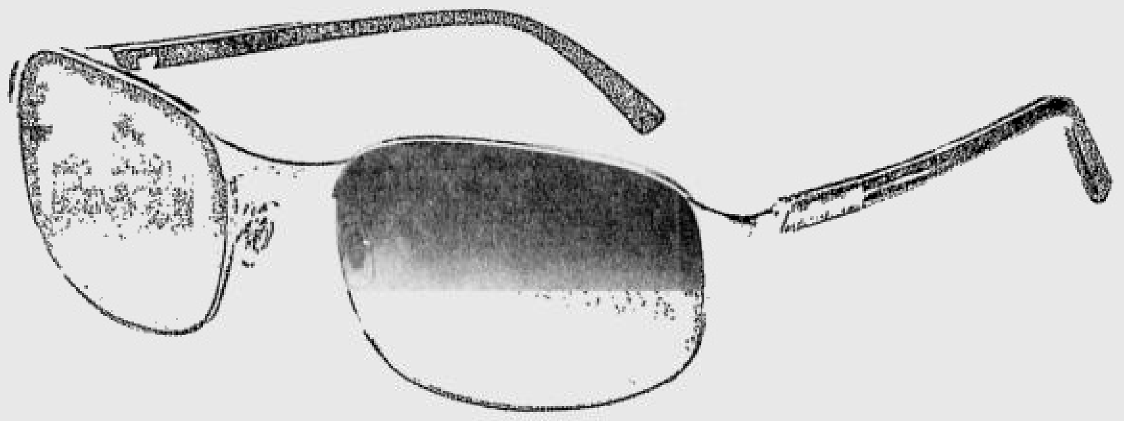

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Pinochet's wife, son arrested over tax fraud

SANTIAGO—A Chilean judge on Wednesday ordered the arrest of the wife and youngest son of Augusto Pinochet over a multi-million-dollar tax fraud the ex-dictator is accused of organizing.

The former strongman intervened with a plea for him to be arrested instead of his 82-year-old wife who is in a Santiago hospital.

While human rights cases left over from his 1973-1990 dictatorship have largely failed, Pinochet's legal immunity from prosecution has been lifted over charges that he salted away at least $17 million into secret bank accounts in the United States and other countries.

The arrest order was served against Pinochet's wife, Lucia Hiriart, at the Santiago Military Hospital which said she is being treated there for headaches and high blood pressure.

Judge Sergio Munoz later granted a temporary bail that must be confirmed by a court after she has paid a $3,670 bond. The ex-general's youngest son, Marco Antonio Pinochet, was detained at the Capuchinos Jail after being questioned by Munoz who agreed to the same temporary release arrangement as his mother.

Pinochet, 89, accompanied by his guards, visited his wife at the hospital under heavy security and later protested her arrest.

"If they want to jail someone, prosecuting a part of the history of Chile, let it be me and not innocent people," Pinochet said in a statement.

LUCIA Hiriart, wife of Pinochet, and her son, Marco Antonio. REUTERS

"I take full responsibility for the facts investigated by Judge Munoz and deny any participation by my spouse, my children and my closest collaborators," Pinochet said before proclaiming his innocence in the case.

"I reiterate that I never defrauded the state, neither did I gain illegitimate profit from the position I held," he said.

"I gave, for prudent reasons, since I would be subjected to persecution and political harassment, my life savings to professional foreign institutions. If there was a tax difference my accountants have paid everything off."

President Ricardo Lagos said the charges showed that "in Chile, all citizens are equal."

But Pinochet's eldest son, Augusto Pinochet Hiriart, expressed fears for the life of his mother because of the arrest. "They are going to kill her," he told reporters.

"This is a woman who has had heart problems for years, very serious problems, and she is more than 80 years old," he added. "This is like a shot in the head."

Pinochet's lawyers have contested a court decision made in June lifting his legal immunity. They say all the money in the accounts was legally earned but have offered to pay some back taxes.

The secret accounts came to light during a probe by a US Senate committee that was investigating money laundering linked to terrorism.

In late July, Munoz sent letters to courts in other countries requesting information on accounts in the United States, Gibraltar, Britain, the Bahamas, Germany, Venezuela, Panama, the Cayman Islands and Spain.

Chile's internal tax service filed corruption charges against Pinochet after a US Senate probe uncovered accounts Pinochet opened in US banks under assumed names, holding millions of dollars.

In June, an appeal court lifted Pinochet's immunity from prosecution for fraud but said he should not stand trial on human rights charges.

The ex-general has never been tried in connection with the estimated 3,000 people who were killed or disappeared under his regime. Another 28,000 people have given statements saying they were tortured under his rule.

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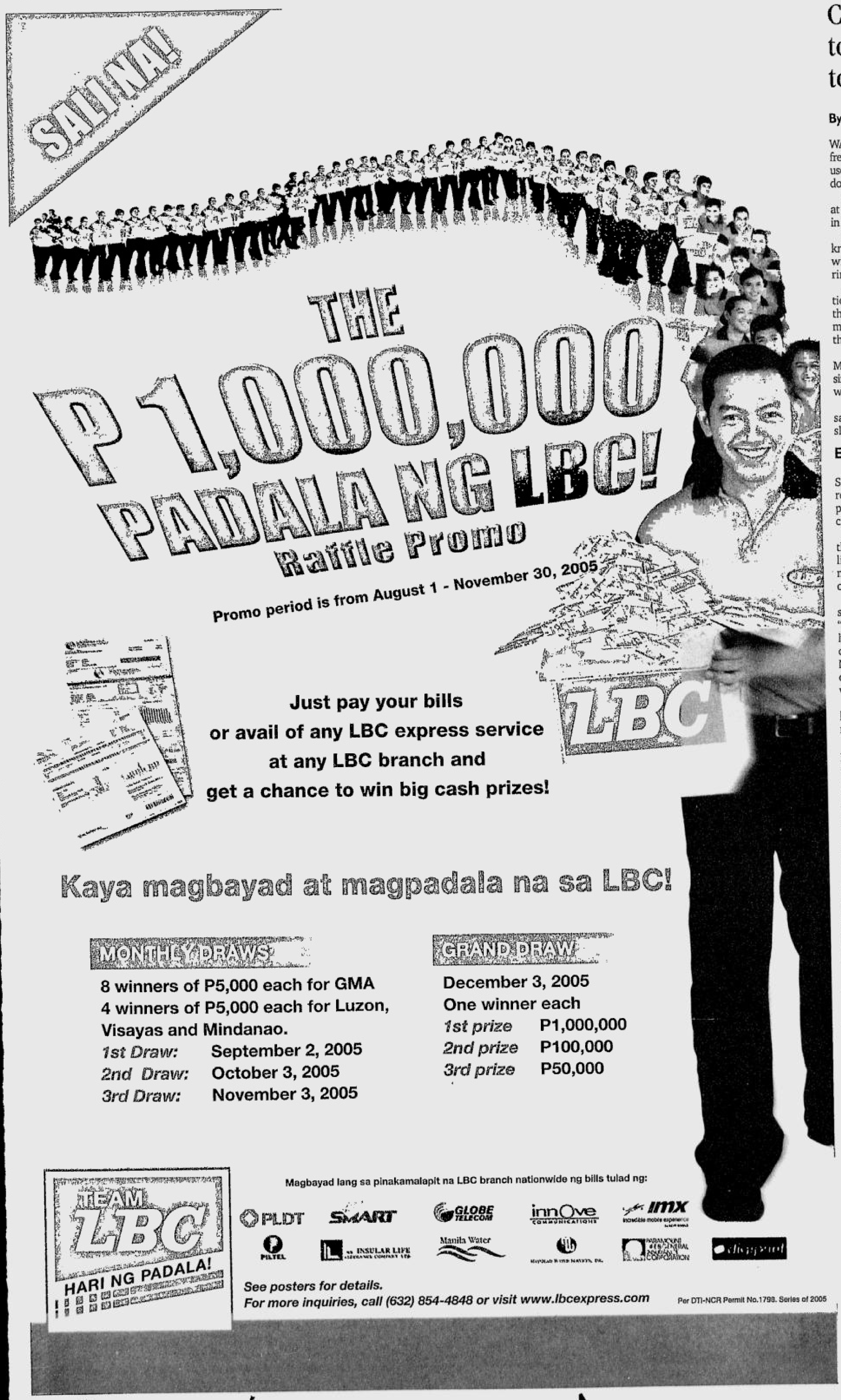
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Cell phone ring tone not welcome to many Americans

By Juan-Carlos Rodriguez

WASHINGTON—The complaints are familiar and frequent: People on cell phones talk too loud, they use them at inappropriate times, and they just don't seem to care if they are bothering anyone.

The horror stories are famous too. Cell phones at funerals. Cell phones at weddings. Cell phones in class. And of course, cell phones in restaurants.

US President George W. Bush has a well-known low cell phone tolerance. He gives a withering evil eye to those whose cell phones ring during his public appearances.

According to the Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association, nearly two-thirds of Americans use a cell phone, which means getting out of reception range is about the only way to avoid those irritating habits.

Etiquette expert Judith Martin, also known as Miss Manners in her newspaper column, has a simple explanation for Americans' fascination with these flashing, buzzing and chiming gadgets.

"It's like children getting new toys," she said. "But the excitement is over. People should be over it."

Etiquette issue

Another etiquette expert, Marjabelle Young Stewart, said cell phones appeal to our inner rock star. "I think that it's making a lot of people feel cool if they drive around with this microphone," she said.

Traditionally quiet places such as movie theaters, opera houses, orchestra halls and live theater venues are now compelled to remind patrons to turn off their cell phones or other devices before a performance.

Washington's Metrorail system has put up signs discouraging inconsiderate talkers. "Yes, we're all very interested in what you're having for dinner tonight," reads one sign, accompanied by a picture of a wide-mouthed Metro rider yelling into a cell phone. The second line says, "Please keep your phone conversations to yourself."

This is all too much for Miss Manners. "I look forward to going to any public event and not getting an etiquette lecture," Martin said.

Some churches in Mexico have gone beyond lectures and taken the James Bond-as-disciplinarian route to combat sacrilegious cell phone use. The churches have installed short-range cell phone signal jammers to thwart members of their flock who lack cell phone self-control during mass.

The jammers have caught on in Japan, India and France, but their use is illegal in the United States.

While some are clamoring for cell phone restraint, cell phone companies are lobbying the Federal Aviation Administration to permit cell phones on commercial airline flights. But in a poll by the Association of Flight Attendants and the National Consumers League, 63 percent of respondents wanted to keep current restrictions in place.

Answering protocol

Martin compared the evolution of the cell phone to that of the answering machine. She said when people first got them, "they were misusing them, doing their comedy routines and otherwise boring their friends." After a few years, the novelty wore off and an answering machine protocol set in, she said.

But new tricks and features for cell phones just keep on coming, so the novelty never seems to wear off. Cameras, games, ring tones, e-mail capabilities—cell phones can have all of these things and more.

For every cultural niche, there is a cell phone feature. Perhaps most likely to raise eyebrows on the bus or in the movie theater is the "moan tone." Instead of a catchy ditty or an electronic symphony, cell phone rings can now be programmed with a recording of a porn actor making sexual noises.

Both Martin and Stewart said people need to pay attention to common sense etiquette rules to govern their behavior with cell phones and other electronic devices.

Stewart had some advice for anyone who feels like a technophile has forgotten their manners. She recommended tapping the offender on the shoulder and asking them to please lower their voice or take their gadget outside.

"You can't always be polite," she said. *AP*

Pakistan test-fires first nuke-capable cruise missile

ISLAMABAD—Pakistan Thursday successfully test-fired its first cruise missile and joined a select club of nations which have developed the ground-hugging projectiles, the military said.

Military ruler President Pervez Musharraf hailed the launch of the Hatf VII Babur, which is capable of carrying nuclear warheads, as a "major milestone" in the country's defense program, an army statement said.

Pakistan did not give advance warning to rival India, despite a deal made at the weekend between the two countries to notify each other before missile tests and to set up a hotline to prevent an accidental atomic exchange.

The agreement only refers to ballistic missiles and not to cruise missiles, Pakistani foreign ministry spokesperson Muhammad Naeem Khan told AFP.

The military said the launch of the missile, which has a range of 500 kilometers, meant that Pakistan had "joined a select group of countries which have the capability to design and develop cruise missiles."

The scientists and technicians involved had "again done the nation proud by mastering a rare technology," General Musharraf added in the statement, while Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz also sent his congratulations.

"It is a gift of the scientists on the birthday of President Musharraf and the Independence Day," state media quoted Information Minister Sheikh Rashid as saying about the test.

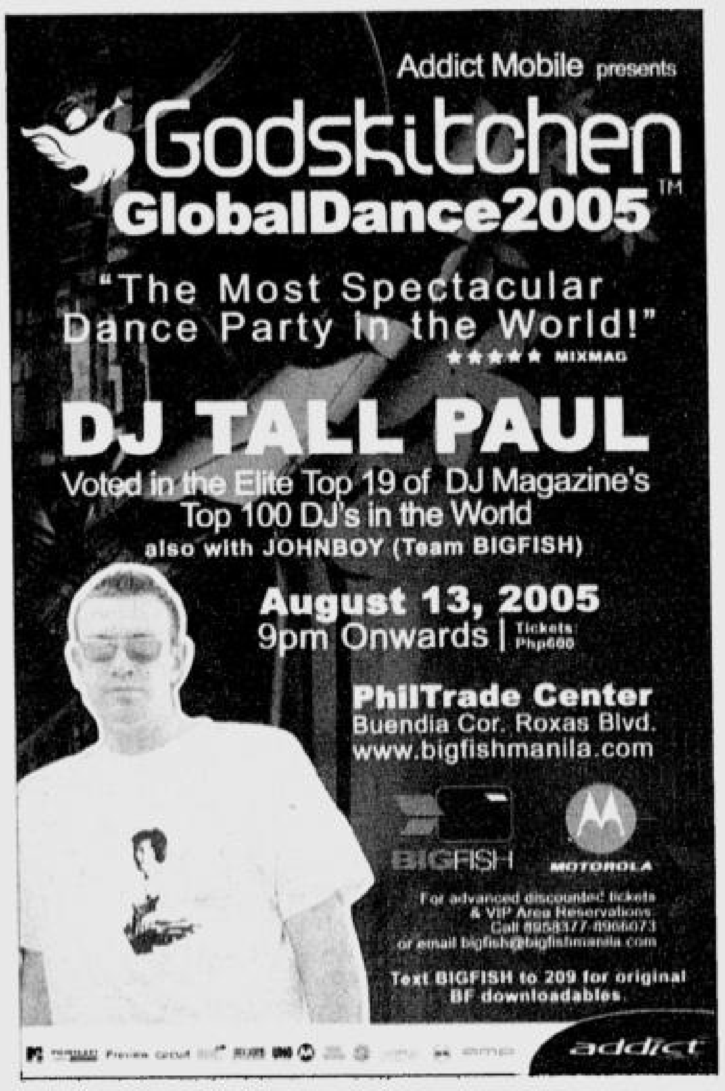
Musharraf marked his 62nd birthday on Thursday, while Pakistan celebrates the 58th anniversary of the end of British colonial rule on Sunday.

The missile could avoid radar detection to penetrate hostile defensive systems "with pinpoint accuracy," the statement added, and could also be launched from ships, submarines and aircraft.

According to the Federation of American Scientists, there are at least 12 countries who export cruise missiles: Britain, the United States, China, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, Japan, Norway, Russia, Sweden and Taiwan.

India unveiled its first cruise missile, a supersonic joint venture with Russia named the BrahMos, in 2001. There was no immediate reaction from New Delhi.

Pakistan and India conducted tit-for-tat test nuclear detonations in 1998 and came to the brink of war in 2002. The historical rivals, who have already fought three wars, routinely carry out tests of nuclear-capable missiles. *AFP*



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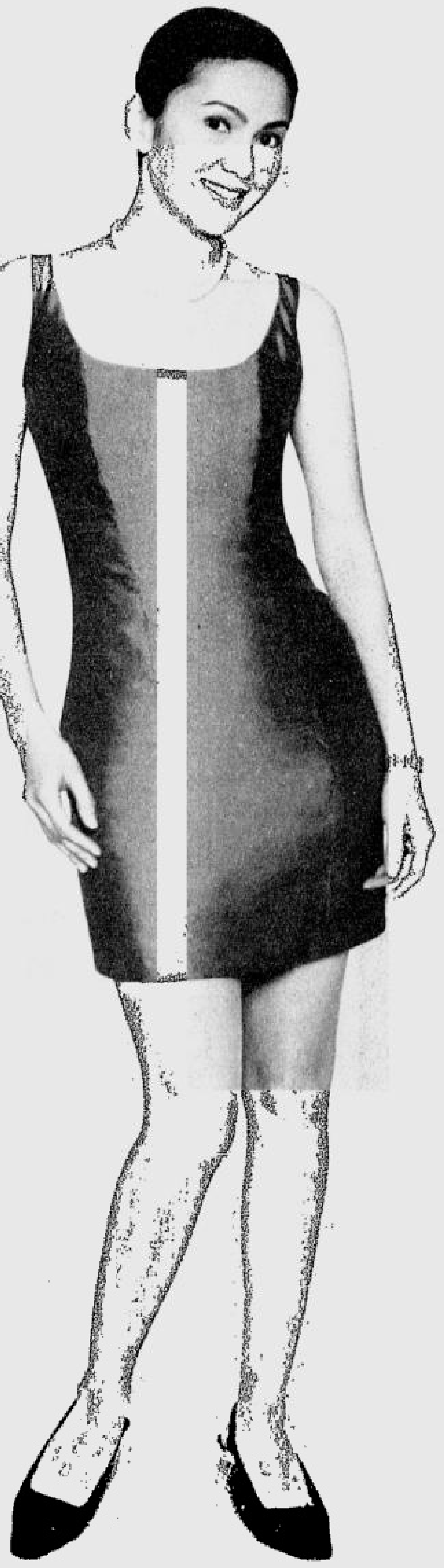

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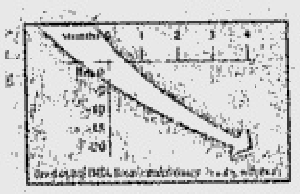

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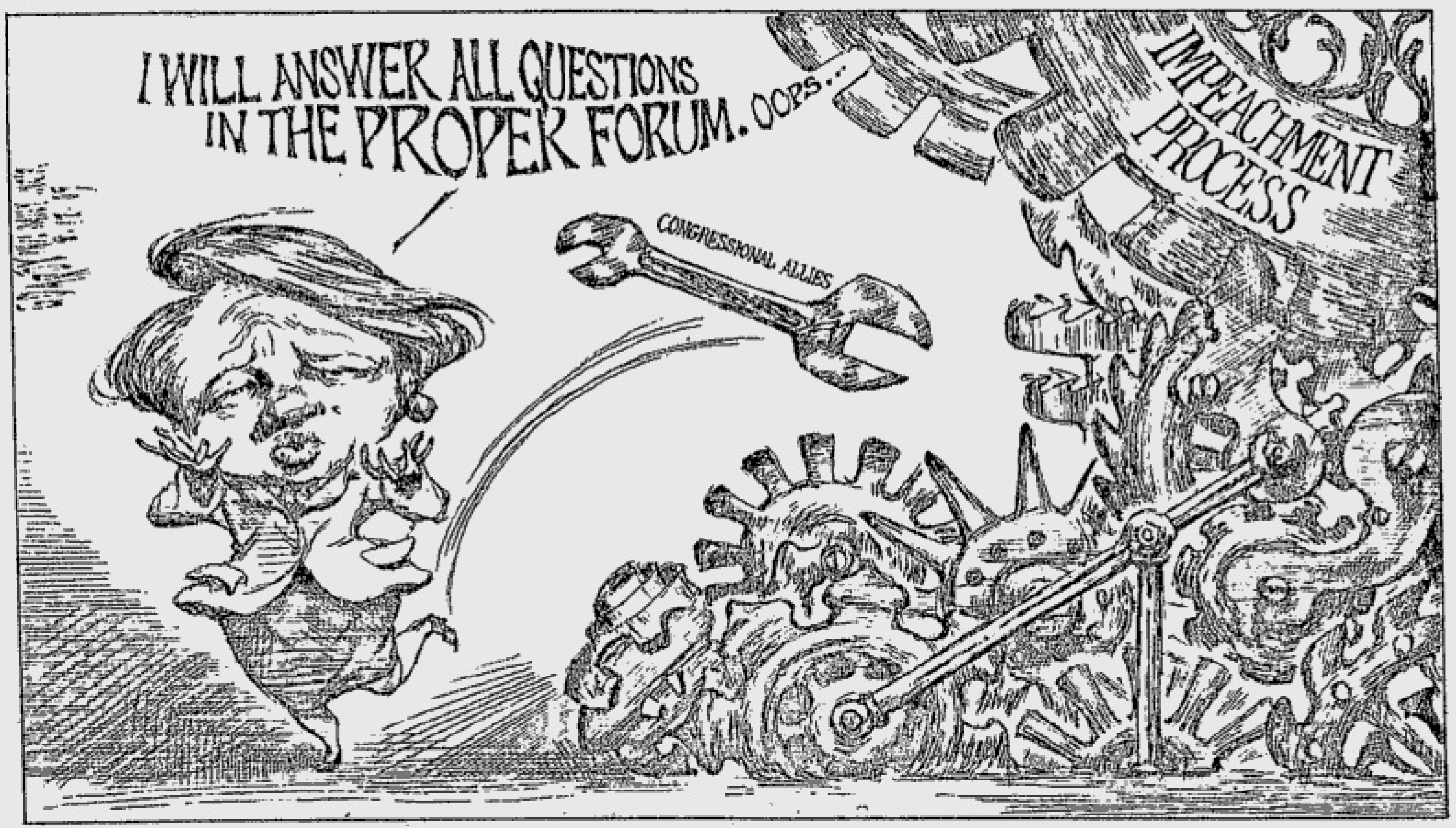
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EDITORIAL

PEACH roses, "impeachpie" and "impeachie-pichie" snacks are all well and good, as far as political gimmicks are concerned. However, when Fr. Robert Reyes together with Fr. Raul Enriquez mounted an "exorcism" in the House of Representatives last Wednesday, what were they doing? They lit incense, and sprinkled holy water on the photographs of members of Congress, which, perhaps predictably, incensed some of those members.

Makati Rep. Teodoro Locsin Jr. protested, "How would this House feel if vandals could freely roam its halls, painting graffiti on its walls and drawing moustaches on its portraits?" And he added, "I deeply resent and take the strongest exception to the misuse, not to say abuse, of a religious rite pertaining to any religion—not least by those who practice no religion at all," as he noted that Reyes and Enriquez were "flanked by the votaries of no faith—except Marxism-Leninism—the enemy of religion." He was apparently referring to the members of Akbayan, who brought along wreaths made of garlic, which may have a place in Philippine folklore, but certainly doesn't figure in genuine Catholic exorcisms.

Rep. Loretta Ann Rosales, Akbayan party-list representative, weakly replied that theirs was a "figurative expression" of the desire to "see to it that the impeachment process is insulated from negative forces of vested interests." Which is, perhaps, permissible as a demonstration of freedom of expression, as far as the garlic part is concerned. The question of two Catholic priests attempting an "exorcism" is, however, another matter altogether.

According to Catholic teaching, an exorcism is "the act of driving out, or warding off, demons, or evil spirits, from persons, places, or things, which are believed to be possessed or infested by them, or are liable to become victims or instruments of their malice." Catholic teaching requires exorcisms to take place only when the priest is unquestionably a holy man; and the rite has to be done with great caution, after an extensive period of preparation and mortification, and avoiding anything that smacks of superstition (such as garlic) or which could be left to qualified doctors. None of these characteristics were evident in the actions in the House. Furthermore, no leave was taken of the bishops, who must generally authorize such things.

From a Catholic point of view then, no real exorcism took place. Indeed, it could be argued there was instead a mockery of ancient Catholic ritual, a cause for confusing the faithful and putting their religion into disrepute.

But beyond the precepts of Catholicism, the actions of the priests were a fundamental violation of the separation between Church and State. Religious people, who are convinced that demons have possessed officials of the government, are free to cast out those demons in their places of worship. But invading the premises of an institution that belongs to Catholics and non-Catholics alike in order to carry out a religious ritual for political ends—what else could it be but a most disreputable kind of publicity-seeking?

No one begrudges Reyes and friends their political views. His co-religionists, however, have every right to question his undertaking something that claims to be the exercise of a power given to clerics, but which wasn't an actual exercise of that power. His fellow citizens who aren't Catholics have every right to object to his transforming a publicity stunt into something that takes unfair advantage of his status as a priest. Why doesn't he just go back to running?

The abrupt suspension of the committee on justice hearing on the impeachment complaint last Wednesday again proves that the House still remains unprepared for the grave responsibility it now faces. Both the majority and minority seem incapable of appreciating just how interested the public is in seeing that the system works. The minority, in particular, is being outfoxed at every step, or simply overwhelmed by its inability to match its rhetoric with any positive means to push the process forward. The majority seems obsessed with logistics and the rules, and not the broader purpose of the committee hearings. They need more common sense, and not an exorcism straight out of a bad Hollywood film.

New cottage industry: Lying for pay

As I See It

Neal H. Cruz

TRUE to her promise, President Macapagal-Arroyo is creating new well-paying jobs for people with strong stomachs and thick hides. In fact, her administration has created a whole new cottage industry: Lying for pay.

The pay is often hard to resist: millions of pesos, just for signing an affidavit and reading it before an investigating body. For which reason, so many liars have come out of the woodwork telling tall tales. Then they return to deny the testimony they had given under oath earlier. It is very rewarding to the witnesses. This is how it works:

A potential witness is offered a handsome fee and protection to testify at an investigation. If he agrees, he is coached on what to say, made to sign an affidavit. After his testimony, the other side offers him a bigger bribe to deny his earlier testimony. Neat, huh? The witness gets paid coming and going.

Fortunately, courts view with skepticism recantations of earlier testimony, especially when the witness gets "hysterical" in his denials, as did Richard Garcia and Philip Medel. "Overacting *na 'yon*," they say. The tears and flailing arms are intended to convince the judge but, alas, the effect is the opposite. Judges say they are dead giveaways that the witness is lying.

Another thing that will distinguish the Arroyo administration is the fact that it has made the law against perjury—lying under oath—a dead-letter law. So many witnesses have admitted that they have lied, committed perjury which is punishable by law, but nothing happens to them. Just in the last several days, several witnesses have confessed that they gave "false testimony" in Senate and House investigations but no charges have been filed against them. Not even a slap on the wrist. Of course, it is not clear whether they lied in their first testimony, as they claim, or they are lying in their recantations.

Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez had earlier threatened to hale to court people who copied and circulated the "Hello, Garci" tapes and even those who just talk about them, but so far he has done nothing to the witnesses who admitted that they lied under oath. Maybe the fact that their recantations absolve GMA of any wrongdoing prevents the Department of Justice from charging them with perjury. Wait until they come back and testify that, contrary to their recent denials, what they had said the first time was the truth. Watch the DOJ throw the book at them.

Perjury is common not only in the Glori-Garci-*jueteng* scandal. In many court cases, even in the mere filing of affidavits or applications that are supposed to be under oath, perjury is routine. Notary publics routinely sign affidavits without swearing the applicant that what he wrote there is the truth. Perjury is so common people take it for granted. But have you heard of anybody being charged with or convicted of perjury?

Liars are as widely tolerated as squatters. The law punishes professional squatters and members of squatting syndicates, fully half of whom are professional squatters. But have you heard of any professional squatter or member of a syndicate being haled to court? No. Likewise, have you heard of any liar being haled to court for perjury? Of course not. They never happen in the Arroyo administration.

GMA's administration will be remembered for the lawlessness both outside and inside the government. Under her, the Philippines has become the kidnap capital of the world; illegal gambling and illegal drugs are now part of daily life; nobody follows traffic rules because policemen and traffic aides don't enforce them; hold-ups are so common victims don't bother to report them to the police anymore since the culprits are not caught anyway; plus there are three separate rebellions going on at the same time. Inside the government, graft and corruption is like a plague. And inside Malacañang itself, officials violate fiscal rules with impunity. Funds are supposed to be spent only for projects for which they are appropriated, but Malacañang blatantly spends funds meant for certain uses (the Road Users' Tax, for example) for other purposes not intended for them.

Malacañang has reportedly already released P5 billion (that's billion!) for congressmen, obviously to brib…er, persuade them not to sign the impeachment complaint. This is being done by a government that is bankrupt. It is being done by a government that is squeezing more taxes out of its people, many of whom do not have enough to eat—just like the Sheriff of Nottingham did, giving rise to a Robin Hood.

If the Supreme Court lifts its restraining order on the implementation of the expanded value-added tax, prices of basic commodities will make a big jump. They say gasoline will reach P50 a liter. Can you imagine what that will do?

What that will do would be both bad and good. Bad because prices will leap sky-high. *Kawawa naman ang mahihirap!* Good because it may have the effect of the second envelope during the impeachment trial of President Joseph Estrada. When the pro-Erap senators voted against opening the second envelope, the people who wanted to know the truth got angry and gathered at Edsa and forced Erap out of Malacañang. The lifting of the TRO, or the blocking by GMA's flunkies in the House of the endorsement of the impeachment complaint to the Senate for trial, may, like that second envelope, be the trigger to send the people again to Edsa and finish what they did not finish that fateful Friday.

That would be very good, wouldn't it?

Impeachment circus: Finessing crime into virtue

Passion for Reason

Raul C. Pangalangan

PRESIDENTIAL Spokesman Ignacio Bunye says the witnesses against President Macapagal-Arroyo are essentially flunkers of what he mocks as the opposition's "Witness Academy." However, all good Filipinos should be more worried about the summa cum laudes of the Election Cheating Institute, headed by Dean Garci and his faculty, and Bunye's fellow diplomates in Spin Doctorship.

Today, after only the first hearing by the House committee on justice on the impeachment complaint, the President's defense strategy has begun to take shape. They have miraculously channeled the "oust Gloria" campaign into "impeach Gloria" mode. Now, defeating impeachment with every rule in the book will be trumpeted as the triumph of the rule of law. It is as if Gerald Ford's inaugural speech—"Our long national nightmare is over" and we must move on—would be replayed but with Richard Nixon still president and delivering the speech instead.

Should Gloria's lawyers be faulted? Not really. After all, the anti-Gloria coalition has thrown the book at her for "cheating, lying and stealing." Why blame the pro-Gloria forces for throwing back the book through delaying, derailing and endless debating?

But on a second thought, there is a big difference. It's not just a matter of hurling heavy books; you must look at what the books contain. The anti-Gloria opposition has thrown a "substantive" book about public sins privately plotted. The administration has so far replied only with a "procedural" book. They don't say that no, she didn't cheat, lie or steal; all they say is, no, you can't prove it, and if you try, we will stop you.

Now I can perfectly excuse the administration. After all, the proceedings are still at the "jurisdictional" rather than the "merits" phase. But no, it's not the lawyer-talk that is ominous—lawyers are constrained by the liturgies of their secular faith. It's the political spin that is far less forthcoming, given the wide space for polemical kung fu.

In the President's televised I-am-sorry speech, she said: "I … had many conversations with many people, including a Comelec official.….I recognize that making any such call was a lapse in judgment. I'm sorry.….I have redoubled my efforts to…earn your trust."

Ten days later, in her July 7 statement (significantly, over radio, no longer over TV where we can see her eyes, the "window to the soul," as she speaks), she said: "Shameless people have peddled the lie that I confessed to cheating. What I disclosed was that I talked to an election official.…"

For someone who had just promised "to set the record straight," that was truly disingenuous. Fortunately for us "the people [she] was elected to serve," it took her own lawyer Pedro Ferrer on Aug. 10 to commit a gaffe during a televised press conference and admit that she had spoken to Garcillano. (Pressed to elaborate, he was suddenly not at liberty to discuss it further.)

Moreover, a jurisdictional minefield lies ahead for the anti-GMA coalition. Recall that lawyer Oliver Lozano was the first to file a hastily drawn-up impeachment complaint, and it was forthwith endorsed by administration Rep. Rodante Marcoleta. The Constitution says, "No impeachment proceedings shall be initiated against the same official more than once within a period of one year." The Supreme Court has construed the one-year bar strictly in favor of the respondent in Francisco v. House of Representatives, which junked the second impeachment complaint against Chief Justice Hilario Davide. In this case, Marcoleta's mischief is to try to trigger off the one-year bar.

Several other, stronger complaints have now been filed as supplements to the Lozano complaint in order to avoid that problem, but House justice committee chair Simeon Datumanong (Ms Arroyo's former secretary of justice) has said: "Our rules…do not provide a clear answer to this situation. [W]e will be compelled to feel our way around." The first ploy therefore is to freeze the first Lozano complaint as the Articles of Impeachment, and bar the fortified supplemental complaints on narrow technical grounds.

Ferrer has already begun to lay the ground for such objection. He had earlier filed an Answer Ex Abundante Cautelam ("out of an abundance of caution") although no answer is due until after the committee finds the complaints "sufficient in form and substance" and the complaints are transmitted to GMA. So one wonders: an "abundance of caution"? Against what? It's usually against the peril of losing one's turn to answer. Yet that peril arises only after the complaint is sent to the respondent. Obviously, the only peril for which GMA needs plenty of *cautelam* is the danger that the Lozano complaint will be bolstered by the stronger supplemental complaints.

The second ploy is "buying time." The Aug. 9 hearing of the justice committee was abruptly halted, with administration congressmen hemming and hawing on the flimsiest grounds, among them, lack of microphones. Perhaps Datumanong must be reminded that he can buy only so much time. The Constitution gives him only "sixty session days from [the date of] referral" of the complaint, in this case, from July 25 when Speaker Jose de Venecia declared grandly that he had done so.

The third is to block the presentation of the "Gloriagate" tapes in evidence, at which point we all must hold her to her word: "I want to set the record straight. You deserve an explanation…because you are the people I was elected to serve."

Elect her we didn't. Deserve an explanation we do. Set it straight she must.

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Hearsay

ANALYSIS

Amando Doronila

THE TESTIMONY last Wednesday of Philippine Army Capt. Marlon Mendoza at the Senate inquiry into the *jueteng* scandal cranked up by several notches the sustained opposition campaign to link President Macapagal-Arroyo directly to the alleged illegal gambling payoffs. It also tried to establish a link between the jueteng racket and the accusation that the President cheated in the 2004 election. In a sworn statement he read at the Senate committee hearing, Mendoza explicitly accused the President of receiving P300 million from jueteng operator Rodolfo "Bong" Pineda to ensure "the President's success in the election."

Mendoza admitted, on questioning, that he based his testimony on hearsay: a "boast" of Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano, who is identified as the Comelec official with whom the President allegedly talked to in the course of the canvassing of the election results in the tapes which triggered the serious political crisis now rocking the government.

Mendoza was Garcillano's chief security officer from April to June 2004. He was one among several witnesses lined up by Sen. Panfilo Lacson to give evidence on the alleged use of jueteng money in the last election.

For the sake of accuracy, I am reproducing some of his key testimony. He recalled that Garcillano had told him, in the presence of two lawyers, in Naga, Camarines Sur, the following:

"On one occasion while we were having a drinking spree with … Garcillano and other Comelec officials in the area, I distinctly heard … Garcillano telling us that Bong Pineda already gave P300 million to support President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's success in the election."

The President's lawyers have denied these allegations, but what is more important is that Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago, an Arroyo ally, drew from Mendoza the admission that he had no personal knowledge of whether Ms Arroyo had received P300 million from Pineda or whether she had distributed the money to Garcillano or other Comelec officials.

I am citing this episode to illustrate the kind of evidence that has been produced after weeks of Senate hearings. Most of the evidence and testimony have rested on hearsay, producing next to nothing in terms of hard information. In the course of the hearings, several witnesses have taken the stand, many of them of dubious provenance, amid a welter of contradictory and often inconsistent testimony and mixed motives, including public duty and love of country and protestations of wishing to right perceived wrong.

In particular, the truism that "patriotism is the refuge of scoundrels" found expression in the peroration of Captain Mendoza. Asked by Sen. Jamby Madrigal if he was aware of the price he had to pay for his action, Mendoza said, without batting an eyelash or getting embarrassed, "For the love of country, I'm willing to sacrifice my career and future." He said he could not "stomach the cheating done in Mindanao" and he just waited for the chance to reveal what he knew.

This refrain of putting higher national interests above personal loyalty echoes the sickening line taken by 10 Cabinet members and economic managers to justify their resignation from the Cabinet, as the regime was sinking into deeper crisis following the disclosure of the tapes in June.

The hearings are taking place simultaneously with the stalled proceedings in the House of Representatives committee on justice on the impeachment complaint laid against the President. The Senate hearings have taken on the character of trial by publicity in contrast to the orderly impeachment process.

The contrariness of these two forums into which the scandals of corruption and election rigging have gravitated has raised the important question of what purpose the Senate hearings serve or whether they have become "in aid of legislation" or "in aid of trial by publicity."

It now appears that the Senate hearings have become the stage of a morality play on which characters with clashing interests in this crisis are playing out their motives and promoting their partisan interests—and these include both administration and anti-regime forces.

What seems clear is that the Senate charade has already taken a toll on the nerves and tolerance of even some senators and the public, including some Catholic bishops (notably Archbishop Oscar Cruz of Dagupan City) who triggered the hearings.

Santiago and even the veteran of political wars, Juan Ponce Enrile, questioned the appearance of Mendoza. They expressed doubt that Mendoza's testimony would be relevant to the jueteng inquiry and whether the impeachment case should be the proper venue of the testimony. Enrile raised the question whether the drawn-out inquiry had been truly "in aid of legislation."

He explained: "I'm not questioning the truth of these witnesses, but I think the truth ought to be presented in another forum, and that is the impeachment case," he said.

Santiago echoed Enrile's concern. She said, "I do not object to the testimony of this witness … I do not wish to suppress any evidence. Let us try to fix a certain date in the future for terminating these hearings because the impeachment case is already upon us, and we don't want to get into legal complications."

Archbishop Orlando Quevedo called for a stop to the inquiry. "Does anybody really believe that the hearings are still in aid of legislation?" he asked. "It would seem that the hearings have become a fishing expedition and a trial by publicity."

Dinky's side of the story

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

IT'S been about a month since the "Hyatt 10," composed of seven Cabinet members and three other senior officials of the Arroyo administration, resigned from their positions and called on the President to resign as well.

So many things have been said for and against the decision of the former government officials, for and against their persons, and even for and against the principles and loyalties they espoused in their "farewell statement." Through all this time, most of the "Hyatt 10" chose to maintain their silence, letting their collective statement speak for them. Sadly, their circumspection was not matched by the "other" side, with eager spokespersons jumping in and accusing the resigned officials of being unpatriotic.

Among the resigned officials, former Social Welfare Secretary Corazon "Dinky" Soliman has received the most flak, allegedly for her "disloyalty" to the President and for her "hypocrisy" in leading a serenade for GMA days after her "I am sorry" speech, and then leading a Cabinet walkout the next.

(Her name is even being used in "swardspeak" as shortcut for betraying a friend.) Throughout this period of vilification, Dinky has chosen to keep quiet, although she is prepared to testify at the pending impeachment trial—when and if that finally starts.

Recently, Dinky "explained" her actions to friends in civil society in a "personal piece" she entitled: "Why I Resigned from Government, and Asked My Boss to Resign As Well." Dinky gave her consent to have the statement reprinted in full in this space, and because I promised I would publish it in full, this may be the first of possibly three installments. Please persevere, it is very illuminating.

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I JOINED government as a member of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's Cabinet because of the principles that I believed in and fought for in the last 30 years of my life. Justice, good governance, equality, empowerment of the poor and marginalized, truth, freedom and love are values and principles that had been the anchors of my involvement in the struggle to transform society. It is because of these same principles that I resigned from government service last July 8.

Most of you have journeyed with me in the struggle to keep DSWD as I found it, insulated from politics. I admit there were some actions that we did that were politically motivated; I had asked my colleagues in DSWD to implement projects for political accommodation. I apologize for those instructions.

It was always a struggle between good and evil: old habits of traditional politics versus alternative new politics with communities asserting their power. The first three years proved that the reforms far outweighed the political accommodation. Specially when we were able to launch KALAHI-CIDSS; catch up and be on time with commitments on the Early Childhood Development program; install performance management systems; set up the standards for DSWD institutions (like Golden Acres) as centers of excellence; start the Bright Child campaign for early childhood education, and many more enhancements for our on-going programs. These outweighed the discomfort I had with the Balikatan exercise because I do not believe in having foreign troops in our country, and other activities which I felt have compromised my principles. I was conscious that compromises allowed me to protect the gains of the reform we were undertaking.

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THE PERIOD after the 2004 elections became very challenging. When I thought that the President had a clear mandate, I anticipated that there would be less political accommodation and we would zoom ahead on reforms. Most of you were witness to a series of accommodations, including in the DSWD. The appointments of Cabinet members and heads of revenue generating agencies were influenced by the factor of "those who helped in the campaign." The last three months were particularly difficult as the scandals were all coming out. It was so disturbing that we have a *jueteng* scandal involving the highest levels of government (that is the perception) after we threw out former President Joseph Estrada on the same issue. The tapes, while we do not prejudge the outcome of the investigation, definitely cast doubt on the integrity of the President and (on) the electoral mandate that she won.

I have discussed these issues with the President many times, alone and with the whole Cabinet, with the lady Cabinet members. The last three months especially, we were discussing ideas on how to win back the credibility from a high distrust by the people. There were two schools of thought: (1) political survival at all costs; (2) undertake swift and credible action of reforms to survive politically and to govern effectively and efficiently.

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LAST June 27, the President broke her silence on the tape. I felt hope and was very encouraged because that was the signal to begin the swift and credible actions of reform. Yes, I did sing and meant every word I sang. Then the same pattern of non-action or slow action set in, especially when it (would) affect people (to) whom she owes a debt of gratitude. The July 5 Cabinet meeting was a tipping point, where it became clear that the frame of action is survival at all costs.

On a personal note, the questions of my children regarding what is right and what is wrong, what is true and what is false, made me realize that the only thing of real value I can leave to my children is a sense of right and wrong. I made up my mind that I needed to resign; I also asked her to resign for the sake of the country and our future.

(More of Dinky's statement tomorrow)

A walk through history

LOOKING BACK

Ambeth R. Ocampo

WALKING tours of Intramuros have become quite popular lately not just among foreign tourists but Filipinos as well. Whenever I walk around the ancient walls, I often sit near a tour group and listen to the script of the guide. The material delivered is basic, but inaccurate in some parts and often quite boring. The need for a handy printed guide is quite obvious.

I have compiled my own notes from various historical sources and the result of hours of exploring around the walled city. What got me interested in the history of Spanish Manila was a small pamphlet I found in a bargain bin of a bookstore 25 years ago. Very cheap at 50 centavos, "A Walking Tour of Historic Intramuros," by the (then) Jesuit historian Nicolas Cushner was the result of his own hours of walking along the postwar ruins. Armed with Cushner's book in my pocket, I visited Intramuros one Saturday morning in 1980, only to discover that the book was dated. The pictures and information had been gathered in the 1960s, and Intramuros was not the same anymore. No wonder the book was in the bargain bin.

So one had to return to the library and dig up the standard works from the hefty and academic Diaz-Trechuelo 1959, "Arquitectura Española en Filipinas" (1565-1800) to Ortiz Armengol, 1958, "Intramuros de Manila de 1571 hasta su destruccion en 1945." The latter is the more readable book and remains the standard work on the subject. Ortiz Armengol is a fictionist, an authority on Galdos, and served as Spanish ambassador to the Philippines in the early 1980s.

We have come a long way in the past 25 years. Thanks to the Intramuros Administration, there is some sort of zoning and regulations on construction within the walls. The agency also runs a museum, Casa Manila, and amassed the state collection of colonial art that sadly remains in storage because there is no dedicated exhibition space for the ecclesiastical art.

Today there are two guides to Intramuros available: "In and Around Intramuros" by the Jesuit Rene Javellana and the recently launched "Ciudad Murada: A Walk through Historic Intramuros" by Jose Victor Z. Torres, the senior sites development officer of the Intramuros Administration by day and a playwright by night. Both books are useful, though neither can fit comfortably in your pocket.

Torres surely shared my experience of having to wade through stray materials to supplement the walking research around Intramuros, so his work comes with useful maps. On the inside cover is a redrawn version of the 1713 Rojas map of Intramuros to give us an idea of the city in the past, while the back cover has a useful map of Intramuros today. There are sections of the book on Intramuros streets and also monuments and landmarks. The book is organized around a three- to four-hour walk around the city, moving counterclockwise from Fort Santiago. This isn't my usual route because I like to start at the Bastian San Diego across the Manila Hotel and walk toward Casa Manila or Fort Santiago where you can rest weary legs in a restaurant and get a cold drink before finishing the other half of the walls.

If you just follow the walls, the length would be 4.5 kilometers but since one has to stop at various places it takes time and stamina. The best time to do walking tours would be in the cooler rain-free months from November to early February.

Torres actually gives all the necessary names and plots the city in two pages by giving the landmarks as follows:

"There were seven gates in Intramuros (not including Fort Santiago): Postigo, Santa Lucia, Real, Parian, Isabel II, Santo Domingo, and Almacenes…The city had 32 streets: Aduana, Almacenes, Anda, Arzobispo, Audiencia (now part of Gen. Luna), Basco, Beaterio, Cabildo, Claveria, Escuela, Hospital (now part of Cabildo), Legazpi, Maestranza (disappeared after this section of the walls was demolished), Magallanes, Muralla, Novales, Postigo, Real del Palacio (now Gen. Luna), Real, Recolletos, San Agustin, San Francisco, San Jose, San Juan de Dios, San Juan de Letran, Santa Clara, Santa Lucia, Santa Potenciana, Santo Tomas, Solana, Urdaneta, and Victoria…Intramuros had nine bastions: Baluarte de San Miguel, Medio Baluarte de San Francisco, Baluartacillo de San Francisco Javier, Baluarte Plano Luneta de Santa Isabel, Baluarte de San Diego, Baluarte de San Andres, Baluarte de San Francisco de Dilao, Baluarte de San Gabriel and Baluarte de Santo Domingo as well as small fortifications like Revellin del Parian, Revellin de Real de Bagumbayan, Revellin de Recolletos and redoubts like Reducto de San Pedro and Reducto de San Francisco. Within the city there were seven churches: Manila Cathedral, San Agustin, Lourdes church, San Ignacio, San Francisco, Santo Domingo and Recoletos…"

The above shopping list ends with hospitals and schools. Just reading it makes one imagine Intramuros at its height, before it was destroyed by the Americans during the Battle for Manila in 1945. It made me realize where the names of streets in Urdaneta Village, Makati, originated from. So many saints to protect the walls and the city. So many stories in the street names.

Aside from the above books and good walking shoes, I recommend that readers stroll through the city and literally walk through history.

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Kids behind bars

PINOY KASI

Michael L. Tan

THE WORLD got a close-up look of one of our jails this week, courtesy of a short clip produced by ITV and shown on CNN during their hourly newscasts. The feature didn't put us in a good light, exposing the squalor of the prison and, worst of all, child prisoners.

Late last year Ditsi Carolino released her documentary film "Bunso," following three children who had been in and out of jail. A few months later, in April, Newsbreak magazine had a cover story about the children in prison, accompanied by stark, grim and heartbreaking photographs.

"Bunso," the Newsbreak articles and photographs have all been powerful, but haven't quite been able to spark outrage from the public. I remember feeling very depressed after reading the Newsbreak issue at the airport, and making a mental note to write about the child prisoners in my column. I never got around to it…maybe because I've been getting such an overdose of similarly depressing information from research I've been doing in urban poor communities.

Rose, 5

The CNN short feature brought back the haunting images, this time with a more international dimension. Citing Unicef, CNN says that worldwide, there are about a million children held in adult prisons in some 192 countries that have signed an agreement that prohibits this practice. In the Philippines alone, we have 20,000 of these child prisoners. The CNN feature showed several of these children, often malnourished and with festering wounds and infections. Some of the wounds show not on their skins but in their eyes, the mental torment snuffing out hope.

The documentary featured Fr. Shay Cullen, an Irish Columban priest who started a local campaign to free child prisoners after he discovered Rose, a 5-year-old girl, in prison. On the CNN feature, he talked about children mixed with pedophiles.

More than the pedophiles though, the problem is that the children are thrown into jail with hardened criminals, transforming the prisons into "colleges for crime." Rather than reforming, the kids are bound to become as hardened as their older mentors.

Why haven't we moved on this issue? Deep down, I worry that it isn't just a matter of not caring, but of thinking all this is normal: "Hey, these are kids but they're thugs, and they steal and sell drugs. They deserve to be in jail." It's part of an older, more conservative perspective that emphasizes discipline and corporal punishment in the molding of children: no pain, no gain.

The horrors inflicted on children, in the name of discipline, are endless. In Indonesia, children as young as 8 can be tried in adult courts. In Pakistan, children of age 12 can be executed.

And when all these punitive measures fail, rather than recognizing the futility of these "solutions," people look for even more drastic measures. In Brazil, right-wing vigilante groups have taken it upon themselves to exterminate street children as their way of cleaning up society.

Better than the streets

One of the child prisoners interviewed on the CNN documentary said that he preferred being in jail, where he was at least fed. The CNN clip then featured life outside: children sniffing glue under bridges, scavenging for a living. If this is the life out in the "free" world, certainly jail can seem more attractive.

The theme repeats Carolino's "Bunso." The mother of Anthony, one of the lead characters in the film, tells him that he's better off in jail because he's safe from his alcoholic father, who's always beating him up.

The child prisoners force us to confront so many of the contradictions we have with our morality. We tell our children to be moral, but have few role models to offer. We tell them not to be materialistic, yet we allow a proliferation of advertising on billboards, on television, targeting the young, urging them to partake of a "good life." I've interviewed kids in urban poor communities who describe their craving for these consumer goods as addictions (maybe picked up from Smart's "Addict Mobile" campaigns). They reason that if society advertises these products so heavily, if Ate Kris (Aquino) says product X is really cool, then they're entitled to that product as well.

Some of the kids steal food to survive. Others go for more expensive stuff: cell phones, clothes. "Bunso's" Anthony says his biggest heist involved P90,000 worth of goods. Perhaps he was bragging, but it shows us, too, how machismo's involved in the shaping, or should we say, warping of a child.

What always strikes me when I interview street "thugs," especially the young ones, is that amid the vulgarities and cursing and tough façades, many are quite soft inside. I've met mama's boys and doting *kuyas* (elder brother) caring for their younger siblings. Most of them are incredibly soft-spoken. They're generous to a fault: when they land a windfall, the money disappears in a day or two because they spend it all on their friends and family. Some will insist, as Anthony does, that they only steal from the rich.

But how long can the reservoirs of kindness and goodness last? Life on the streets and in prison quickly turn them cynical. Prisons hasten the process and I suspect it's because even as they apprentice themselves to the most hardened thugs, these kids know their mentors are small fry like themselves, compared to the big ones who run around scot-free, the Very Important People who can't be touched, the ones addressed as "Honorable."

Racing against time

It's easy to feel helpless watching films like "Bunso" or the CNN short clip. What, really, can we do? Should we write our officials? They probably wouldn't care less. There's no political mileage to be gained siding with child "criminals."

I'm appealing to my friends in medical and nursing schools to check if there are child prisoners in their own cities, and to work out medical services for the kids. More importantly, though, they should ask why they're in jail in the first place, and help look for alternatives, arranging for their transfer to juvenile centers, or even freed. Many are held without investigation, much less a court hearing.

I'd check out the juvenile centers as well. I've interviewed "graduates" of these institutions and they say that there are dangers too being with other "kids." I've heard of 16-year-olds in some of these institutions raping 12- or 13-year-olds.

If we can't work directly on the jails, then we need to raise public awareness about this issue. "Bunso" and the CNN clip need to be shown more widely, especially in schools, followed by discussions that go beyond the jails and ask about the conditions that lead to child prisoners.

It's a race against time with these kids. Of the three boys featured in "Bunso," two have died—one in a vehicular accident while the other, who had turned to drugs, died handcuffed to his hospital bed.

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'One tablet' sale of medicines

I HAVE followed Neal Cruz's columns on the cost of medicines. It is only in the Philippines where one is allowed to buy "one tablet" for the purpose of medication. (No different from buying a cigarette.) This practice may be OK if one is after a quick fix, like buying Biogesic to cure a headache. I guess patients do this, thinking that "one medication is better than no medication" at all. Unfortunately, this is wrong.

I guess the so-called cartel is allowing the "one tablet" practice in order to hit sales targets. (Imagine one million people buying a tablet at, say, P60. This means a sale of P60 million per day.)

But if the medication is prescribed to treat or control a medical condition, then a daily intake of the medication is important. One good example is antibiotics. One has to complete a course of antibiotics (five to seven days) to cure an infection and to prevent the development of drug-resistant ailments (viruses). Unfortunately, allowing patients to buy "one tablet" at a time will only promote subclinical cure and develop drug resistance which could pose a hazard to the health of the patients and the general public.

Another example is the use of cholesterol drugs statins mentioned in one of Cruz's columns. These are medications which have a prognostic value for patients who are significantly prone to ischemic heart disease. Based on clinical trial data, the risk of having "a cardiovascular event" can be reduced if medications are taken at the same dosage and at the same frequency that they were shown effective in clinical trials.

I suggest that the patients be educated properly on the role of medications.

1. For hypertension, reducing salty intake (reducing *patis*, *bagoong*, etc.) and daily exercise (this also reduces blood pressure). Thiazide-based diuretics are good initial medication.

2. Antibiotics should be taken to complete the prescribed course.

3. Statins should be taken every day for a long period of time (from three to five years). If the patients are financially incapable of doing this, then they better spend their money on good food and vegetables. They also need to exercise and stop cigarette-smoking to obtain significant benefit from the medication.

Lastly, we should have a law prohibiting the "one tablet" sale of medicines (unless they are analgesics, antacids or for relief of symptoms).

More power to Cruz and may he continue with his advocacy for cheap medicines.

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GMA must quash secession threats

REPUBLIC of Ilocos? Republic of the Visayas? Republic of Davao?

The threat to secede from the Republic of the Philippines—aired publicly by some local government executives—as a response to the current crisis in the national government opens a Pandora's box of rebellion, sedition and civil war, which may well be the gravest threat to our republic.

It is the duty of the President (if not her secretaries of justice, interior and defense) to issue, at the very least, a stern warning, if not outright reprimand, to these officials (if only to state categorically that not even the most well-meaning allies may undermine the republic) against making such threats.

Even if conditional in nature, the threats constitute an affront to the Constitution and the sovereign integrity of the republic they are sworn to protect, and thus must not be treated lightly. The national government would be guilty of the gravest dereliction of duty should it leave these publicized posturings unchallenged.

President Macapagal-Arroyo should give would-be secessionists a warning sterner than the ones she issues to would-be violent ralliers against her. The former constitute the graver threat, not only because they are public officials who can use government resources to accomplish their intention, but also because they are sending the message that the sovereign integrity of the republic is negotiable.

The President must rise above her current personal and political woes. Kill all talks of secession—the sovereign integrity of the republic is non-negotiable, not even in theory. And the warning should be generic—addressed to all who plan or attempt secession—for whatever reason.

This she must do, even if it is the last thing she has to do as President.

—W.E. CHIONGSON,
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More on 'Gloriagate'

VOICES ON INQ7.NET

STUPID Filipinos, why do you allow your newspapers to become your courts? Why do you allow your newspapers to weaken your nation's rule of law and therefore harm your nation and your people by trial in the press where any hearsay is fine if it sells papers? Stupid Filipinos, stop it! Leave President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo alone and stop allowing people like Michaelangelo Zuce to be given respect when they have earned none. It is the court where charges must be heard. And I hope that Gloria will fight like hell, not for herself, but for the rule of law in your brain-dead nation.

Don't you media people care at all about your own nation? Do you hate your country so much that you let this garbage appear on your front pages every day?—**Daniel Stafford, 8543 Emory Grove Road, Gaithersburg, MD**

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President Macapagal-Arroyo should (although this is not really necessary) call upon mayors and governors to exercise their executive powers and govern with maximum autonomy from "Imperial Manila." Marikina, Subic Bay Freeport, Makati, among others, have shown it can be done. The federal system is just terminology. Mayors and governors should think and act out of the box. Peace and order, health care, environmental compliance, public education, economic incentives are well within their powers to improve. Just do it!—**Disraeli Santiago, Granbury, Texas, USA**

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Gloria Arroyo has lost some of her credibility but I still go for her. We don't have a better alternative. The opposition does not have any "credibility" to start with. It sucks to see Imee Marcos talking about "election fraud." Did she forget about her father and mother doing far worse than anyone so far? Next, you have the likes of Tatad, Zamora, Jinggoy et al. For sure they will do far worse if they were in her position.—**Alexander Yalung, Shengang Shiang, Changhua, Taiwan**

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Impeachment should be the only peaceful and legal process to solve this crisis, meaning a full-blown Senate investigation, not a lengthy deliberation in Congress, where the majority is blindly loyal to the President for whatever reason. The disappearance of Virgilio Garcillano only proves there is some truth to the opposition's accusation, beefed up by technical maneuvers of the administration lawmakers. Let the people judge, not the corrupt pork-laden congressmen.—**Jerry Javellana, Cleveland, Ohio, USA**

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I agree with Rep. Alan Peter Cayetano. The Smart and Globe bills could prove the conversation[s] between Garcillano and the President at the peak of elections 2004 really took place. I would also remind Representatives Lagman, Villarosa and Baterina that Garcillano and Arroyo use postpaid lines at the pleasure of the Filipino people. Whether it's a violation of the bill of rights is not material. They are public servants, so whatever privileges they have are borrowed from the Filipino people. The people's right to know the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth is supreme over the right of Garcillano and Arroyo to privacy of communication.—**Arnel Cruzata-Bernales, Salcedo Village, Makati City**

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PICKET protesting onerous provisions in the contract over the Binga Dam. VINCENT CABREZA/PDI NORTHERN LUZON BUREAU

Napocor exec stops $5-M settlement on Binga dam

BAGUIO CITY—The president of the National Power Corp. stopped a $5 million settlement deal that was intended to end a legal stand off on a defective independent power producer (IPP) contract on the Binga hydroelectric power plant, court and company documents showed.

In a June affidavit, Napocor president Cyril del Callar, a former energy undersecretary, said he refused to sign a $5 million check placed in the name of Catalino Tan, president of the Binga Hydroelectric Plant Inc. (Bhepi), the firm that took over a 1993 Chinese contract to rehabilitate and operate the Benguet-based government plant.

The check would have sealed a settlement framework agreement prepared by Napocor before Del Callar assumed his post on April 1.

The deal had been kept under wraps for years, but according to Del Callar's affidavits, questions about the legality of Bhepi's demands compelled him to defer payments.

Del Callar's affidavit also questioned the settlement's legality because the agreement lacked the approval of the investment coordinating committee of the National Economic and Development Authority.

Binga is one of five IPP contracts that the Department of Energy had found to be disadvantageous to government.

But an inter-agency review committee created by President Macapagal-Arroyo in 2002 recommended a settlement, according to a 2003 Napocor board report.

It said the original Binga contract was assigned to China Chiang Jiang Corp. Group (CCJEC) on July 5, 1993, but CCJEC-Philippines substituted for the Chinese firm on April 27, 1994.

On May 20, 1997, Napocor awarded a supplemental agreement to CCJEC-Philippines' spin off firm, Bhepi, despite evidence that the contractor had not substantially complied with the contract.

Napocor unions regard Binga as the first IPP contract. They first blamed the IPP contracts for Napocor's growing debts in several Baguio press conferences in 1999.

The Napocor Employees Consolidated Union (Necu) and the Napocor Employees and Workers Union (Newu) released documents, which indicated that most of the 46 IPP contracts of the time were "onerous," because they oblige government to buy IPP production regardless of need or price.

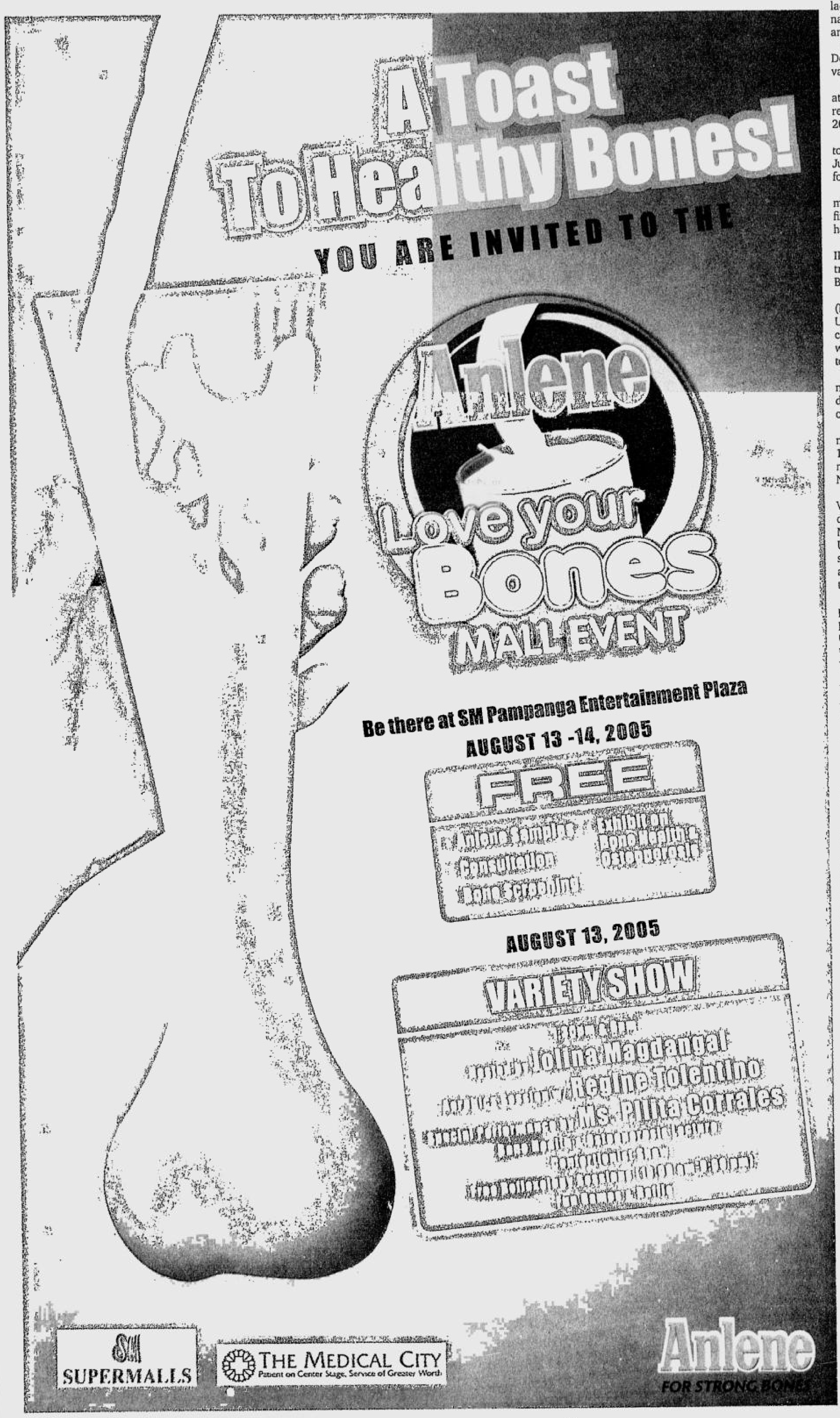
Del Callar's affidavit said Napocor terminated Tan's contract on Sept. 27, 2000 after determining that Bhepi abandoned the plant over a corporate fight.

But in a May 2002 letter to Napocor, Tan demanded payments for Binga production covering 1998, 1999 and 2000 that had ballooned to $350 million because of Bhepi's outstanding debts to Napocor, Binga employees and several contractors.

To resolve the conflict, then Energy Secretary Vicente Perez Jr., Edgardo del Fonso, then president of the Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corp. (Psalm) and then Justice Undersecretary Manuel Teehankee prepared a settlement contract on March 27, 2003. Psalm assumed Napocor's debts when the 2001 Electric Power Industry Reform Act took effect.

The settlement agreement requires Napocor to pay Tan $5 million but "preconditioned on the complete settlement of the unpaid claims of subcontractors and employees amounting to $6.8 million and upon their execution of absolute quit claims and waivers of claims or rights against Napocor."

The same agreement ask Bhepi to "exert its best efforts" to negotiate down the employees' outstanding pay. *Vincent Cabreza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*



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14,000 co-ops collapsing, says official

DAVAO CITY—The growth of cooperatives in the country is headed for a slowdown with half of them suffering from financial distress, a ranking official of the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) said.

CDA chair Ruben Conti said that of the estimated 28,000 cooperatives in the country, half, or about 14,000, are on the verge of collapse.

About 3,000 of the cooperatives are in Southern Mindanao.

Conti blamed the bleak future of a number of cooperatives on the lack of educational training and poor production capacity that eventually resulted in a weak market.

By weak market, Conti means poor external and internal purchasing power of the country's cooperatives.

The Philippines is highly import-dependent because of its poor production capacity. With poor production capacity, there would be poor purchasing power.

The problem of poor production capacity has practically triggered the country's seemingly consistent economic slowdown, Conti said.

The plight of the country's cooperatives has prompted government to redirect the cooperatives toward sustainability and productivity, Conti said.

He added that President Macapagal-Arroyo has instructed CDA to institute changes in existing programs and policies in a bid to keep the cooperatives growing.

The cooperative of rural banks' seminar on cooperativism at the Royal Mandaya Hotel here yesterday was one of the steps which government has embarked on to redirect the cooperatives toward having a brighter future, he said.

CDA records show that 85 percent of the country's cooperatives are engaged in credits and loans.

"We are trying to educate rural banks to help cooperatives by making available loans for production instead of consumption," he added. *Judy Quiros, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

C. Luzon tourism targets Asians

CLARK SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE—Some 200 leaders in the tourism industry in Central Luzon met here on Thursday to discuss ways to get a larger share of Japanese, Korean and Chinese tourists in the region.

Renewed focus on Asian tourists came as Japan, Korea and Greater China (Hong Kong, Taiwan and mainland China) ranked second, third and fourth, respectively, in Philippine tourism's major markets, Department of Tourism reports showed.

These tourists contributed shares of 17 percent, 16.6 percent and 14.2 percent, respectively, to the 1.9 million arrivals in the country in 2003, and 2.05 million arrivals from January to November 2004.

Reports from the World Tourism Organization said tourists from China, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Thailand and Singapore account for 65 percent of arrivals in the Asia-Pacific region.

Bigger market

Central Luzon's tourism sector is looking more to these markets as the region's share of tourists rose from 3 percent in 2000 to an average of 17 percent between 2001 and 2004, according to Philip Camara, private sector representative for tourism in the regional development council.

Camara said foreign tourist arrivals in the region increased by an average of 23 percent during the last five years.

The United States has remained the single biggest source of Central Luzon's foreign tourists. Domestic tourists still comprised the bulk of visitors.

Economic planners said Central Luzon's tourism industry improved as visitors shifted to Central and Northern Luzon due to the unstable peace and order situation in Mindanao, and as seven airlines mounted low-cost local and international flights from Clark and the Subic Bay Freeport.

Most visited

Zambales and Pampanga were the most frequently visited areas, followed by Bulacan and Bataan.

In Thursday's workshops, leaders in the travel, airline, hotel and restaurant businesses, and government tourism officers worked out plans to develop competitive packages and marketing strategies and to deal with problems and opportunities.

"We have to think in terms of packages and not limit ourselves to individual travelers. We also need to address the lack of entrepreneurship," Camara said.

Paul Lim So of the Philippine Tour Operators Association said of his group's 100 members, "very few" companies offer tour packages. More are into services for outbound tourists, he said.

"There is money in inbound visitors," Lim So said, citing a growing trend.

In the workshops, Clark and Subic continued to be chosen as entry points from which package tours adapted to the preferences of the three target markets are going to be farmed out to the provinces.

Central Luzon is promoting 164 tourist attractions.

The region also hopes to cash in on the holiday economics idea of President Macapagal-Arroyo in which she declares weekend days holidays, too, if these are in between no work days. *Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

'TOO HOT'

'Jueteng' return shortlived in Isabela

ILAGAN, Isabela—Bet collectors in the province said the resumption of *jueteng* operations lasted only three days last week because the government was closely monitoring Isabela.

A head collector in an Isabela town said their financiers informed them that *jueteng* operations would be stopped because the province has become "mainit" (being closely monitored) due to the supposed testimony that former Gov. Faustino Dy Jr. would issue against President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Dy's statements would allegedly link *jueteng* money and election fraud, reports said.

"*Masyadong mainit ang taas sa* Isabela *dahil sa isyu ng pagtestimonya ni* Gob Junior (Dy). *Kaya pinatigil daw muna* (Officials in the national government are closely watching Isabela because of Gob Junior's supposed testimony on *jueteng* and election fraud. This was the reason why *jueteng* stopped)," the collector said.

Noli Balisi, a bet collector, said *jueteng* operations failed to go full blast because of the ongoing Senate investigation of *jueteng* operations and payoff, and media reports on the issue.

Balisi said he now collects bets for the government-run lotto to earn for his family.

Witnesses in the Senate probe claimed that relatives of Ms Arroyo received bribe from *jueteng* operators.

"*Tatlong araw lang kami nakapagpataya at nakapagbola ang bangka. Habang di pa raw natatapos and kontrobersiya kay* Dy, *wala muna.* Wait *na lang muna kami kung kailan uli mag-uumpisa* (The operator collected bets and held draws for only three days. They asked us to stop until the controversy involving Dy dies down. We have to wait for notices to resume operations)," Orlando Olla, another bet collector, said.

But Senior Supt. Percival Barba, Isabela police director, said *jueteng* operations did not resume in the province.

"We have no evidence that *jueteng* ever took off in Isabela," Barba told the INQUIRER.

"Isabela mayors and chiefs of police have certified that their areas have no *jueteng* operation," he said.

Isabela Bishop Sergio Utleg said he has yet to confirm and certify reports that Isabela is jueteng-free.

Utleg said the last time he validated the jueteng-free status of the province was two months ago.

Cauayan City Mayor Caesar Dy and Jones Mayor Florante Raspado said their areas are jueteng-free.

Chief Supt. Jefferson Soriano, Cagayan Valley police director, said the Philippine National Police's "one-strike policy," where police chiefs in areas found to have *jueteng* operations would be relieved, still stands.

But in Cavite and Rizal provinces, police said they arrested at least four *jueteng* collectors.

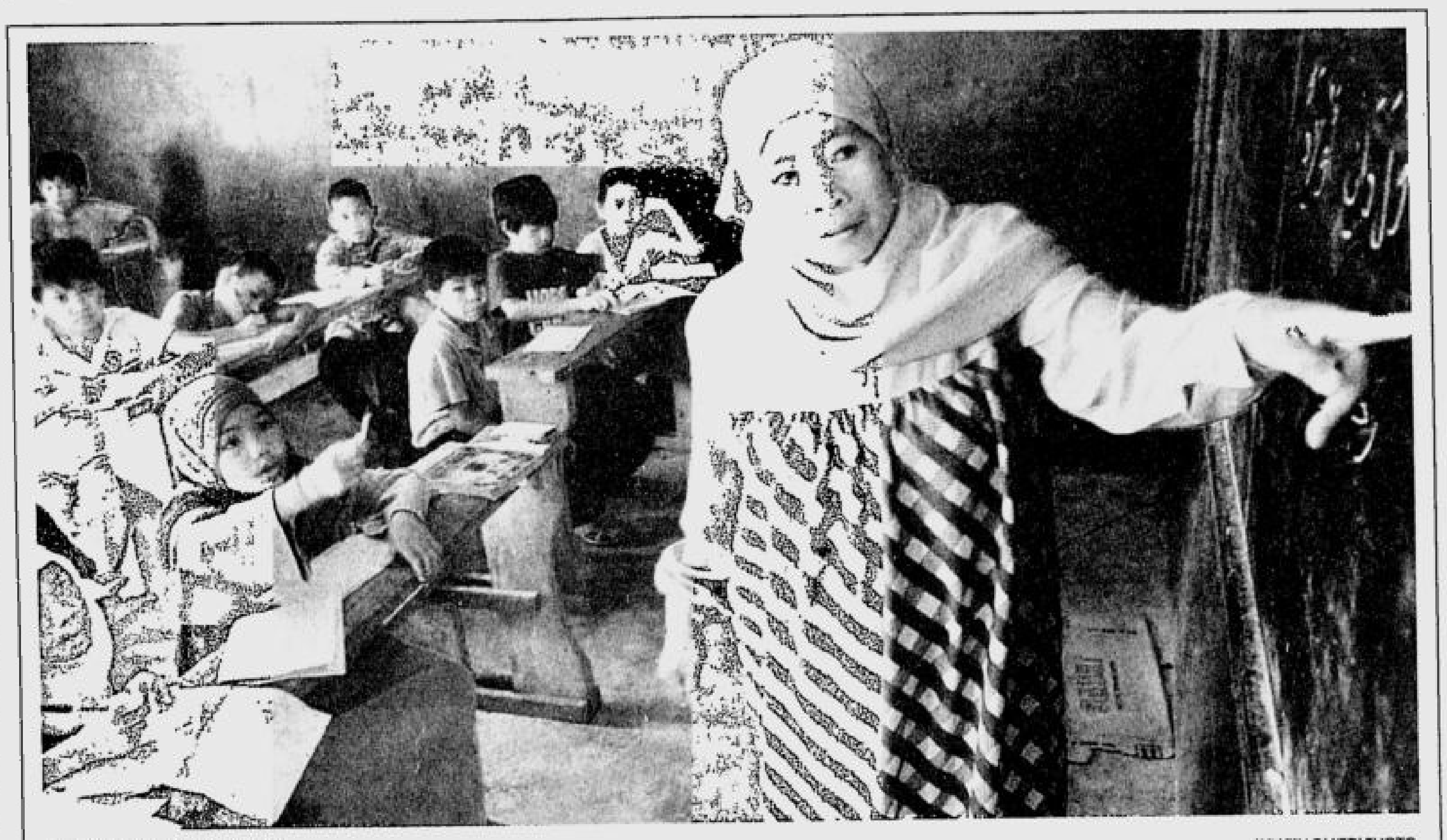
Police said they arrested three persons while collecting bets from tricycle drivers in Trece Martires City in separate operations last week.

The report said members of the local police arrested Ariel Baya, 39, and Romeo Cudra, 48, in Barangay San Agustin while busy collecting wagers from local bettors last Aug. 4.

The following day, police arrested Rosa Fajardo, 51, in Barangay Lapidario while in the act of receiving bets from tricycle drivers.

Police seized P1,700 in bets during the arrests.

Members of the Taytay, Rizal police also reported arresting *jueteng cabo* Erlinda Erizao, 43, as she was collecting bet from residents of Sitio Lambak, Barangay San Juan. *Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau with a report from Marlon Ramos, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*



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A teacher starts the day in her Arabic language class at an Islamic school in Mahad, Matanog.

Gloria jolly in 1st Cebu visit since 'Garci'

CEBU CITY—President Macapagal-Arroyo put on a happy face amid the worst political crisis hounding her administration, appearing unfazed in a visit here yesterday, her first since she became embroiled in the election cheating and *jueteng payola* scandals.

The President, who came here for the 11th annual anniversary of the National Confederation of Barangay Health Workers of the Philippines held at the Cebu Coliseum, was in a jolly mood and even obliged to give a speech that was not originally included in the program.

The President thanked Cebuanos for supporting her in the 2004 elections in a speech that echoed the same words of gratitude she said before residents of Southern Leyte in Maasin City, where she came before she visited Cebu.

In her speech, Arroyo acknowledged the contribution of the country's 379,000 barangay health workers to the nation's well-being.

She also gave away P3 million to the participants as a subsidy for the premium payments of their Philhealth insurance coverage.

The insurance coverage was given away prior to the 2004 election campaign.

The President said barangay health workers should be the first to enjoy the health benefits provided by the government.

The President also had a 30-minute private audience with Cebu Archbishop Ricardo Cardinal Vidal at the Archbishop's Residence and inaugurated the new facilities of Timex Philippines at the Mactan Export Processing Zone before she flew back to Manila shortly before 5 p.m. on Wednesday.

Ms Arroyo in Maasin City said there was no need for her to explain the accusations against her.

"I was supposed to be here to explain my stand but I see no reason anymore. I see that in your warm welcome," the President said in her 10 minute speech in Cebuano.

The President spoke before a crowd of 5,000 mainly composed of local officials and government employees who gathered at the city's new P200 million integrated market and bus terminal complex that Ms Arroyo inaugurated on Wednesday.

The President's visit here, primarily to grace the 5th Charter day celebration of Maasin City, is her first provincial trip since the "Hello Garci" controversy broke out and she became embroiled in charges of cheating in the 2004 elections. *Jolene Bulambot and Jani Arnaiz, PDI Visayas Bureau*

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PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo in Malacañang during a visit of Korean Prime Minister Lee Hae Chan in Malacañang Palace.

North Quezon folk welcome log transport ban lifting

LUCENA CITY—Local and church officials in northern Quezon welcomed the Department of Environment and Natural Resources' (DENR) order temporarily suspending for 60 days the ban on the movement of logs, charcoal and other finished forest products.

"We welcome the order of DENR Secretary Michael Defensor, especially for the poor charcoal makers," Catholic Bishop Rolando Tria Tirona, head of the Prelature of Infanta, said in a mobile phone interview.

Tirona maintained that the drifted logs should be divided for the use of homeless calamity victims.

"But we still believe that the government should not lift the log ban. It should stay," the bishop said.

General Nakar Mayor Hernando Avellaneda also welcomed Defensor's order.

He said it was a welcome respite for the residents who have since depended on charcoal making as a living.

Back to normal

"At least they can now eat three times a day unlike during the ban that they were so hard up putting food on their table," the mayor said in a phone interview.

He said the local government was helping the charcoal makers get the best price for their product.

Middlemen trap

"They should sell the charcoal directly to the buyer to avoid falling into the trap of the middlemen who can easily manipulate the price because of the large supply available," Avellaneda said.

Based on an inventory of the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (Cenro) in Real, Quezon last June, an estimated 147,324 sacks of wood charcoal remain stored in the towns of Real, Infanta and General Nakar.

However, Avellaneda appealed to the DENR for the longer duration of the temporary lifting of the log ban.

"With the great volume of drifted logs, two months is too short to accomplish the purpose of retrieving the scattered logs that continue to block our major river channels," he said.

Apprehension

But although Fr. Pete Montallana, coordinator of the Indigenous Peoples' Apostolate in the Prelature of Infanta and director of the Tribal Center for Development, said he was happy for the poor charcoal makers, he expressed apprehension that illegal logging activities could again resume operations.

"As early as July, I have been receiving reports from tribal people that illegal logging activities have resumed in some parts of the Sierra Madre. I was told that most of the bulk of illegally cut logs is being hauled using the back door of Tanay, Rizal," Montallana said in a phone interview.

He said now that illegally cut logs could be legally transported out of the area using unscrupulous DENR documents, Defensor's order opened the gate for illegal loggers.

The DENR memorandum dated Aug. 2 allows the retrieval and movement of logs and wood products for a period of 60 days. *Delfin Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Noli courts support for GMA from Nueva Ecija farmers

CAMP TINIO, Cabanatuan City—Vice President Noli de Castro on Wednesday started courting support for embattled President Macapagal-Arroyo from farmers in Nueva Ecija where the late actor, Fernando Poe Jr., won by a wide margin over Ms Arroyo during last year's elections.

"Even if the political quarrels in Metro Manila has worsened, these are not much felt in your province," De Castro told residents of Barangay Camp Tinio.

Earlier in the program, he distributed copies of certificate entitlements of land allocation to 215 families there. The certificates assured residents of land titles from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Harnessing support for the beleaguered Ms Arroyo, De Castro told the farmers that "no other Philippine President was more serious in making the promise of giving landless Filipinos a home than President Arroyo."

Settlers like Lucia Parenal, 68, had lived and tilled lands inside the Army's Camp Tinio since 1951.

A proof to Ms Arroyo's "seriousness" in helping the poor, De Castro said, was her Proclamation 418.

Issued on June 30, 2003, it set aside 38.91 hectares for 2,800 families in the village east of the Army camp.

"The government continues to deliver services to the poor," he said.

De Castro said the Arroyo administration was not distracted by allegations of electoral fraud and involvement of her relatives in *jueteng* payoffs.

"It is the poor who suffer greatly in the abnormal way by which politics has run," he said.

He said his and Ms Arroyo's tandem was "working harder" to make good governance work for the people.

In his case, De Castro said he has "ignored" the political squabbles, "preferring to go on with my work."

He urged residents here to "tell others that the Arroyo administration was serious in poverty alleviation programs."

In a later visit to the Army's Fort Magsaysay, De Castro told some 200 soldiers that he would help them secure housing loans from the state-owned Pag-Ibig Fund.

De Castro did not talk about the political crisis when he met with regional military officials in the camp. Among the officials present was incoming Army chief, Maj. Gen. Hermogenes Esperon Jr., who was tagged as among the voices in the "Gloria-gate tapes."

Poe won by more than 315,000 votes over Ms Arroyo in Nueva Ecija, despite the President's frequent visits in the province. Former Sen. Loren Legarda edged out De Castro in the province by 266,000 votes.

Gov. Tomas Joson III, who accompanied De Castro during Wednesday's visit, has openly supported Ms Arroyo.

De Castro dismissed descriptions that he was a "president-in-waiting," saying that he and Ms Arroyo would complete their respective terms in 2010. *Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

August 12, Red-Letter Day for International Humanitarian Law

By Atty. Soliman M. Santos, Jr.
Vice-Chair for NGOs, IHL National Committee

August 12 is to International Humanitarian Law (IHL) as December 10 is to Human Rights (HR). There are these red-letter days for the special commemoration of important causes. The cause of HR is generally better known and more familiar to our people than is the cause of IHL. In fact, so much so that IHL issues are often subsumed or confused as HR issues. This is not surprising because the two fields are closely interrelated and definitely have their overlaps or common areas. But they are still distinct, and knowing the distinction makes for better appreciation of each and of both. In recent Philippine history, particularly during the Marcos martial law regime, IHL violations tended to be lumped under the rubric of HR violations. This kind of a background has made a red-letter day for IHL more urgent.

It was only in 1999 that an Executive Order (No. 134) was issued declaring August 12 of that year and of every year thereafter as IHL Day to mark the 50th anniversary of *Four Geneva Conventions of August 12, 1949*. This international treaty has become the core of IHL in the same way that the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* of December 10, 1948 has become the "mother" of all international HR treaties. One already sees here a distinction between the two fields in terms of source documents, terms of reference and frameworks.

HR refers to the universally-recognized fundamental rights and freedoms of human beings, such as the basic rights to life, to dignity and to develop, such as the basic freedoms from fear, from want and from humiliation. IHL is the law of armed conflict, both as to the protection of its victims and as to the limits on its means and methods of warfare. HR applies generally at all times, in peace and in war, and in all places. IHL applies only in times and places of armed conflict. HR governs mainly the relations between the state (or government) and the individual, thus obligating mainly the state. IHL governs and obligates both (or all) parties to an armed conflict, not only government armed forces but also non-state armed groups.

This year's IHL Day theme in the Philippines is **"Protecting Human Dignity."** This concept is actually found in the Philippine Constitution (Article II, Section 11) but the

reference is more to HR: "The State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights." But "outrages upon personal dignity" also happens to be one of the minimum prohibitions of IHL, found in Common Article 3 of the *Geneva Conventions*. And so again it seems that even our Constitution reflects our general familiarity with HR but not with IHL. But there is no real need for charter change on this. This is because IHL is covered by our constitutional provision (Art. II, Sec. 2) which "adopts the generally accepted principles of international law as part of the law of the land."

At the Inter-Parliamentary Union112th Assembly held in Manila last April, a resolution was passed on "The Role of Parliaments in the Establishment and Functioning of Mechanisms to Provide for the Judgment and Sentencing of War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity, Genocide and Terrorism, with a View to Avoiding Impunity." It invites States which have not yet ratified or acceded to the Rome Statute to do so. At the same time, it "Recommends that all parliaments, including those of States which have not ratified the Rome Statute, enact laws for the prevention and punishment of war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide and terrorism."

Presently, there is already filed in Congress a House Bill No. 2557 of Rep. Antonio V. Cuenco for a "Philippine Statute on Crimes Against IHL and Other Serious International Crimes." The basic rationale for this is that criminal legislation and its ensuing prosecution and punishment are still the most appropriate and effective deterrents to atrocities. Atrocities continue because they are not punished, and this often due to the lack of national legislation implementing IHL. Present Philippine criminal law is inadequate because it does not define and penalize war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide as such, nor does it adopt the framework of IHL and international criminal law like that of the Rome Statute.

The Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC), through its IHL National Committee, has led the drafting and lobbying for the said "IHL Bill." Of course, criminal legislation is only one form of national implementation of IHL. Other equally important aspects of this which the Committee has been working on are dissemination and advocacy, armed conflict preparedness, humanitarian assistance to victims of armed conflict, and the campaign on the proper use of the Red Cross emblem. The Committee and its work are an indication of the increasing importance of IHL concerns. This is something relatively new even to the PNRC which for the most part has established its track record in the areas of disaster relief and blood donations. This new concern for IHL is, after all, well-founded: the Philippines has been the site of major man-made disasters and blood-letting in the form of internal armed conflicts for over three decades already up to the present. It's about time we give IHL the attention it deserves, starting with its own red-letter day.

THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RED CROSS

PROTECTING HUMAN DIGNITY

Messages

Today the Filipino nation observes International Humanitarian Law (IHL) Day, which was declared six years ago to mark the 50th Anniversary of the 1949 Geneva Conventions.

Let us be reminded always of the humanitarian message of the Geneva Conventions, that those not part of or no longer involved in the fighting - the wounded, sick, prisoners of war and civilians - must be respected and protected always in times of armed conflict. as well.

For those in the government sector, it is our global and local duty to observe, uphold and spread knowledge about IHL. What's obviously lacking is a domestic law to ensure the protection of non-combatants. Let us work toward this end.

For civil society and non-government organizations, let us join hands and help the government extend assistance to victims of armed conflict. Let us be vigilant and report human rights violations so that concerned agencies may act on them without delay. We can not tolerate acts that undermine human dignity.

Finally to all the men and women of Red Cross, let us always be mindful of our mandate to alleviate and prevent human suffering in times of armed conflict and to be neutral and impartial in our actions. In doing so, we will earn the support, cooperation and respect of all sectors of society.

RICHARD J. GORDON
Chairman / CEO
The Philippine National Red Cross

WE celebrate this momentous event of IHL Day and uphold the global promotion of protection to human dignity.

In spite of the political and economic crisis that is gripping our country, and the possibility that the Philippines has been identified as a likely target for the next terrorist attack, yet we cannot be silent but voice out our alarm as members of the global community in working to make a better, safer place to live in.

The National Committee on International Humanitarian Law, Philippine National Red Cross hereby joins UK and other countries that have signed the Geneva Conventions in condemning the bombings of three London underground trains and a bus on July 7 thereby killing more than 50 innocent people including defenseless women, children and civilians; and injured hundreds of others. Likewise, against the second bomb attack that occurred in July 21 and caused similar injuries.

We urge all State Parties to reinforce their commitment to combat international terrosism and its grave and cruel actions which are disrupting the internal life of affected states and seriously harming international law and order and interstate relations.

As members of the United Nations, we cannot condone acts of terrorism committed by certain elements who have recently been identified as professional terrorists who have undergone training to sow violence, fear and devastation.

These are enough causes for the international community to stand in unity and multiply efforts to battle against these elements. It is therefore essential and inevitable for a strict observance and implementation of existing provisions of humanitarian laws if only to protect humanity.

And to further realize the spirit of these provisions, domestic laws should be enacted to address the local needs and demands of respective states for protection of people caught in armed conflict.

The International Humanitarian Law is a significant contribution is a significant contribution to the protection and welfare of humanity...we should then take advantage of it and help bring to end senseless terrorism and uphold peace and security to this one and only world we have to live in.

JUSTICE LEONOR INES LUCIANO

RELIEF distribution in Indanan, Sulu.

The Philippine Contribution to the Fight Against Impunity

H. Harry L. Roque, Jr.
Professor of Public International and International Humanitarian Law, UP College of Law

This year's celebration of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) day on August 12 is shadowed by a disappointing development. The Supreme Court just recently dismissed Pimentel vs Executive Secretary, which is a Petition for Mandamus to compel Malacanang to transmit the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court to the Senate. President Joseph Estrada had signed the Rome Statute on December 12, 2002 but he, and later on President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, never transmitted it to the Senate for its concurrence.

The High Court ruled that the President could not be compelled to do so, even if the statute has been signed. The petitioners could file a Motion for Reconsideration - but the prospect of the Philippines becoming the 100th member state of the International Criminal Court (ICC) is bleak. President Arroyo now has the unique advantage of deciding if the Philippines can join the ICC or not but it is not likely that she will play this hand considering that all her administration's efforts are now focused towards her survival in office. It is no secret that the United States has refused to be a member of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and has urged its allies to do the same.

Why is it so important that the Philippines joins the ICC?

Our country has always been at the forefront of efforts to prosecute those who are guilty of offenses like genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity and the crime of aggression.

As early as 1945, even before the Nuremberg Tribunal issued its judgment, the Philippine Supreme Court had upheld the jurisdiction of the military tribunal to try General Tomoyuki Yamashita for 122 counts of war crimes (Tomoyuki Yamashita vs. Wilhelm D. Styer G.R. No. L-101 December 19, 1945), in spite of the absence of domestic laws. The tribunal's jurisdiction was already provided by customary international law as restated in the Geneva Conventions.

Said Justice Perfecto: "Impelled by irrepressible endeavors aimed towards the ideal, by the unconquerable natural urge for improvement , by the unquenchable thirstiness of perfection in all orders in life, humanity has been struggling during the last two dozen centuries to develop an international law which could answer more faithfully the demand of right and justice as expressed in the principles which, weakly enunciated at first in the rudimentary juristic sense of peoples of antiquity, by the inherent power of their universal appeal to human conscience, at last, were accepted, recognized, and consecrated by all the civilized nations of the world."

Yamashita would also serve as the precedent for the principle of command responsibility. This is the principle that military commanders could be held responsible for the acts of their subordinates if they fail to adopt a sound system to ensure their troops full compliance with IHL. Under this principle, military commanders should know what their troops are doing in the field and should take steps to investigate and prevent violations of International Humanitarian Law.

This principle would be restated not only in the statutes of the UN War Crimes Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and the UN War Crimes Tribunal for Rwanda, but also in the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

After its pioneering efforts, the Philippines is now taking a step backward by not concurring with the Rome Statute. The Philippines has everything to gain and nothing to lose by supporting an international body that would first, ensure protection to those who are not active participants in any armed conflict and second, limit the means and methods of warfare.

Initially, the binding nature of this legal system was by virtue of states becoming parties to a series of non-derogable treaties including the four Geneva Conventions, and its two protocols, as well as a series of conventions specifically relating to means and methods of warfare collective referred to as The Hague Law. As originally conceived by its modern proponent, Henry Dunant of the International Committee of the Red Cross, the theory was that if countries of the world were to sign and implement the norms embodied in these non-derogable treaties, then the principles of IHL would be enforced as a matter of state responsibility. Unfortunately, Dunant's idealism on the enforcement of norms on the basis of treaty obligation proved to be misplaced. Despite the existence of these non-derogable treaties, IHL norms were violated more often than complied with. This is proven by the ghastly statistics of civilian casualties at the end of both World War I and II when more civilians than combatants died.

At the end of World War I, efforts to prosecute offenders were frustrated by the their defense that war crimes may only be criminally punished pursuant to a domestic law. This is in consonance with the latin maxim of nullum crimen nulla puene sine legue. Further, defenders argued that since there is need for a domestic law, then only domestic courts, and not an international tribunal, could exercise jurisdiction over the prosecutions of these crimes.

It is at this stage that the Philippine contributions in IHL become doubly significant. The Philippines recognized the authority and jurisdiction of local tribunals to prosecute IHL offenders even before an international body like the Nuremberg Tribunal had issued its judgment.

It is a shame that we now set all these aside.

International Humanitarian Law (IHL) Day Activities and other related events

Photo Exhibit on IHL
(August 11 - 19, 2005)
2nd Floor Lobby, Senate Building,
Pasay City

- Ribbon - Cutting Ceremonies
(2:00 P.M.)
- Message: *Dr. Symeon Antoulas*
  Head of Delegation, International
  Committee of the Red Cross
- Message:
Hon. Alberto G. Romulo
  Secretary, Department of
  Foreign Affairs
- Keynote Address:
Hon. Richard J. Gordon
  Senator, Republic of the Philippines
  Chairman, The Philippine National
  Red Cross

Photo Exhibit on IHL (August 12 - 17)
Galsano Mall, Bajada, Davao City

- Ribbon-Cutting Ceremonies
(1:00 P.M.)
- Opening Remarks:
Mr. Eduardo G. Robillo
  Secretary, PNRC Board of Director
  Davao City Chapter
- Message: *Mr. Jean Luc Jollat*
  Head of Sub-delegation,
  ICRC Davao City

Forum on International
Humanitarian Law
1:00 - 4:00 P.M.
Casa Marinero, Intramuros, Manila

- Speakers:
Mr. Victor Liozo, Jr. ....
  Welcome Address
  PNRC Secretary General
Dr. Symeon Antoulas............
  "Protection of Victims
  of Armed Conflicts"
  ICRC Head of Delegation
Dr. Aurora Parong................
  "The ICC: Current Developments
  and Issues
  Convenor, Philippine Coalition
  for the International
  Criminal Court ICC)
Atty. Harry Roque Jr..............
  "Criminal Nature of Child Soldiers"
  Treasurer, Philippine Society
  On International Humanitarian Law
  (PSIHL)
Hon. Mario Aguja ....
  "IHL and Philippine Legislative Initiatives"
  AKBAYAN Party-list Representative
PNRC Governor Leonor Ines Luciano,...
  Closing Message
  Chairperson, IHL National
Committee

Mindanao Forum on International Humanitarian Law
1:00 - 4:00 P.M.
Mandaya Hotel, Davao City

- Speakers:
Mr. Jean Luc Jollat ....
  IHL and Terrorism
  Head of Sub-delegation, Davao City
Professor Arnold Abejaron ....
"The Relevance of IHL in Contemporary
Center for Local Governance
  Armed Conflict in Mindanao and
  Other Present Issues
  Ateneo de Davao University
Atty. Soliman Santos ....
  "IHL Bill: Current Status and Issues"
  Vice-Chairman for NGO's,
  IHL National Committee
Mr. Walter S. Salmingo...............
  Closing Remarks
  Acting Asst. Secretary
  DFA Region XI

Nov. 23 - 24
First International Humanitarian Law
(IHL) Consultative Conference

Note: IHL seminars and workshops are being organized nationwide by PNRC chapters in cooperation with the DILG, AFP, PNP for barangay leaders, health workers, military personnel and the police.

Interested parties may call their local Red Cross chapter or the PNRC IHL Office, National Headquarters (NHQ) at (02) 527-6226 or (02) 527-8384 local 135 or 136. Or email us at ihl@redcross.org.ph.

ICRC

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC) AND ITS ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINES

Since 1982, the ICRC has been working in the Philippines to offer assistance and protection to civilians displaced, injured or otherwise affected by armed clashes involving government forces and insurgent groups. In addition to the main office in Manila, a sub-office is also maintained in Davao City, Mindanao. The ICRC acts as a neutral intermediary between opposing forces in matters of humanitarian concern, visits security detainees and works with the Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC) through its network of chapters to assist people evacuated/displaced from their homes as well as to promote neutral and independent humanitarian action and IHL in all sectors of society.

MISSION
The ICRC is an impartial, neutral and independent organization whose exclusively humanitarian mission is to protect the lives and dignity of victims of war and internal violence and to provide them with assistance. It directs and coordinates the international relief activities conducted by the Movement in situations of conflict. It also endeavours to prevent suffering by promoting and strengthening humanitarian law and universal humanitarian principles. Established in 1863, the ICRC is at the origin of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

KEY POINTS IN 2004

- ICRC representatives visited inmates in 90 detention facilities, focusing on conditions of detention and their treatment.
- ICRC operated as a neutral intermediary in the release of two members of the armed forces held captive by an insurgent group and eased and facilitated safe medical evacuation for a critically-injured insurgent.
- The ICRC held numerous presentations and workshops throughout the country to broaden knowledge of IHL and Red Cross activities among the military, police and armed groups
- The ICRC part-financed the medical treatment of 152 individuals who had been wounded in armed clashes and were unable to meet the cost of their treatment.
- A review of cooperation programmes with the Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC) resulted in enhanced collaboration between the ICRC and the National Society in the fields of assistance and dissemination.
- The ICRC provided support to the PNRC for the Family Visit Program, benefiting detainees and their relatives, and for tracing activities following the devastation caused by two typhoons that hit the north-east of the country late last year.

‘Pride of Naga City’ comes home for good

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hours while the funeral Mass was two-and-a-half hours long.

The Mass officiated by Archbishop Leonardo Z. Legaspi and attended by at least 3,000 mourning relatives, friends and supporters ended at 12:10 p.m. Roco’s wife, children, brothers and sisters, and selected friends took turns delivering emotional eulogies extolling him.

Seen during the funeral were Sen. Joker Arroyo, Rep. Rolando Andaya, Albay Gov. Fernando Gonzalez, Roco’s vice presidential running mates Herminio Aquino (in 2004) and Inday Santiago (in 1998), DepEd Undersecretary Ramon Bacani and Naga Mayor Jesse Robredo.

Some men wore floral shirts, Roco’s favorite wear while others wore shirts with Roco’s face printed on them.

As the Bicolano’s remains were lowered to the grave, a woman shouted, *“Paalam, mahal naming Raul Roco* (Farewell, our beloved Raul Roco).”

Earlier on Monday, Nagueños welcomed with flowers, colored confetti and balloons the most illustrious son of this city, as his remains arrived from Manila in a dark green casket mounted on a flower-bedecked truck that entered the city at about 3:15 p.m.

Thousands of Bicolanos lined the 12-km stretch from the Pili Airport to Naga City to honor the only Bicolano who dared run for president twice.

‘Hero’

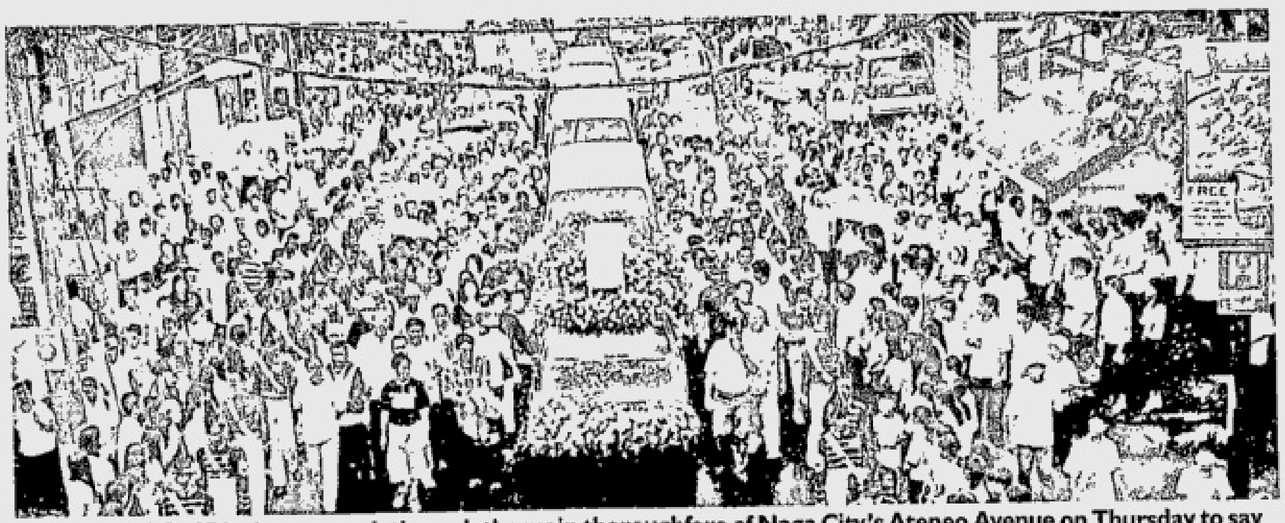
Rogelio Bonggalonta, 63, a vendor, said he was there to watch his “hero” come home. He said he voted for Roco twice for the presidency and never regretted it.

On Aug. 8, the Naga City council bestowed on Roco the honorific title of “The Pride of Naga City.”

Highest quality

Vice Mayor Gabriel Bordado said the ex-senator’s feats were beyond comparison in Naga City, calling attention to his achievements, from his work in the 1972 Constitutional Convention to his other accomplishments before his death.

“He upheld humanist principles, enabling him to deliver public service of the highest quality in a career spanning more than four decades,” he said. *Juan Escandor Jr. and Niño Jesus Y. Orbeta, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*



THOUSANDS of Bicolanos march through the main thoroughfare of Naga City’s Ateneo Avenue on Thursday to say goodbye to one of their most illustrious sons, Raul S. Roco. JUAN ESCANDOR, JR./PDI SOUTHERN LUZON BUREAU

Young Pinoys drifting away from Church

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to fervent Catholics in the older generation that has given the Philippines its youthful demographic and in turn is responsible for much of the apathy toward the Church.

With one of the highest annual birth rates in Asia, the Philippines has a young population with an estimated 17 million people aged between 15 and 25, according to government data.

Young Filipinos, especially in the cities, want more than their parents’ generation did, have more materialistic lifestyles and ambitions, and are more assertive on social issues such as contraception and divorce.

Fr. Eli Cruz, rector of the Don Bosco Technical College, a school with about 4,000 students in Mandaluyong City, said that one problem was that the Church was failing to adapt to the changing attitudes of the younger generation.

Digital, Internet age

“The Church is beginning to lose touch with an increasingly media-mediated and media-manipulated youth, the teenagers and the teens,” Cruz said.

“Most of our Church people do not speak their language. Most of our Church people do not comprehend the new psychology and the new culture brought about by the digital and Internet age.”

But he insisted the Church still had a fundamental role to play.

“I sense that what young people expect from the Church is Christian witnessing, holiness of life, spirituality, examples of the stories of heroes and saints and a sense of the sacred.” he said. “Our modern culture is short of all these.”

It is this changing face of society that the Church has had to confront in recent years to keep young people true to their faith and stop the drift away, especially among the poor.

A survey conducted by the Church in 2002 found 45 percent of young Catholics were “nominal Catholics,” that is to say they seldom attended services.

The study found that while the teachings of the Church had a “moderate to strong” influence on the values of young people, it had a “minimal to moderate” influence on their lifestyles.

Divided on faith

A recent report by the Episcopal Commission on Youth found young Catholics were divided when it came to faith.

“We have young people who actively live their faith. Then there are those who are baptized Catholics, yet remain nominal in their faith,” the report said.

Bishop Rolando Tria Tirona, chair of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines Commission on Youth, said young Filipino Catholics faced more pressures than their parents’ generation.

Society has become more permissive and the young find themselves the main target in the world of marketing and advertising.

“In many ways the simplicity of life has been eroded,” Tirona said.

Cruz said that while middle-class children had, to a large extent, maintained their faith, it was the poor who had been marginalized.

“From my own experience young people from the middle class, the so-called ‘ilustrado,’ are still attached to the Church and find meaning in their Catholic faith,” he said.

“Sometimes, their Catholic value-systems may be compromised during weekend nights, especially in the city, but as a whole these young people do find reason to get support, involvement and redemption in the Church.”

Cruz, however, noted “the sad thing is that the greater number of young poor people are getting marginalized.”

Still optimistic

Tirona was optimistic that the marginalized would not get left behind.

“We still have to do a lot more but I don’t think we have failed the poor … that is too pessimistic a view,” he said. “One of the problems, I think, is that we have been too focused on Manila and the big cities. This has been at the expense of those living in the countryside. But you will find the Church is reaching out now, especially to the youth.”

But one of those who does feel left behind is Catalino Torres, 25. He has never worked in his life and lives in a slum that backs to the main railway line in Metro Manila.

“I was born a Catholic, but I don’t consider myself religious. There is not a lot to be thankful for,” Torres said, casting his eyes across the squalor that he call home. *AFP*

Germany relents, lets 43 RP World Youth …

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But the WYD organizers have been dismayed by the refusal of visas to some would-be pilgrims, notably from the Philippines, Cameroon and Togo, and have been in touch with the foreign ministry.

According to Bishop Franz Kamphaus, a senior figure in the German bishops’ conference, young Cameroonians registered with the bishopric of Limburg in southern Germany with valid visa requests have not been granted them.

The foreign ministry insisted “there was no scandal,” saying Germany was welcoming the pilgrims but was obliged to check visa requests to ensure that human traffickers did not take advantage of the WYD.

Between 1999 and 2003, German consulates, notably that in Kiev, handed out hundreds of thousands of visas, provoking an angry debate and a parliamentary inquiry.

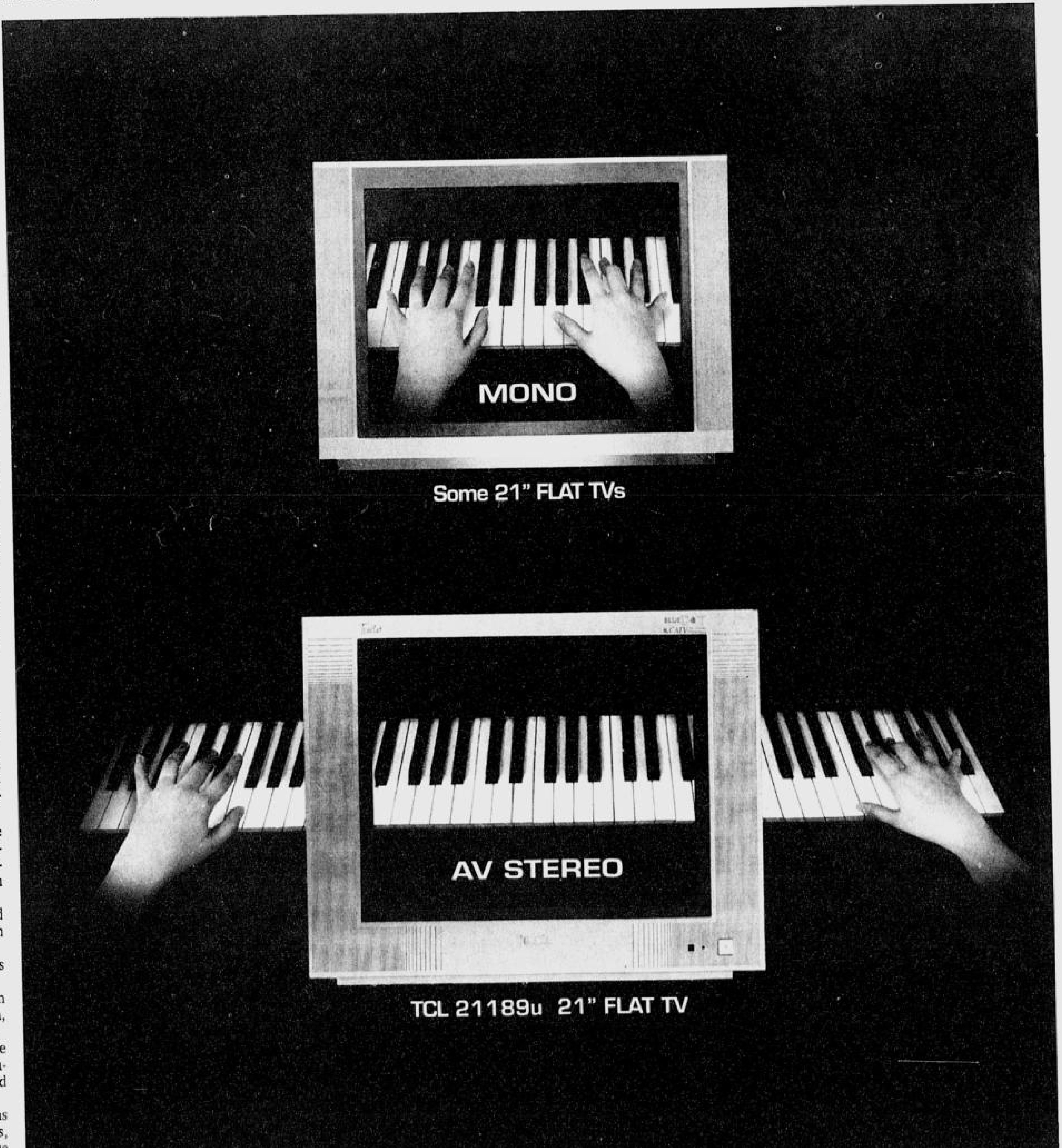
Of the 400,000 pilgrims expected, around 2.5 percent will come from Africa, 3.5 percent from South America and 3 percent from Asia. In all, about 35,000 of those attending will come from countries whose nationals need visas to enter Germany.

Security tight

Some pilgrims were invited by dioceses paying all or part of their expenses.

While waiting for the WYD to get under way, the young pilgrims will be accommodated in different parishes and will take part in events for their age groups.

In the aftermath of the July 7 London bombings, security will be tighter than usual. Manhole covers, including those near the palace where the Pope will be staying, are to be sealed. *AFP*



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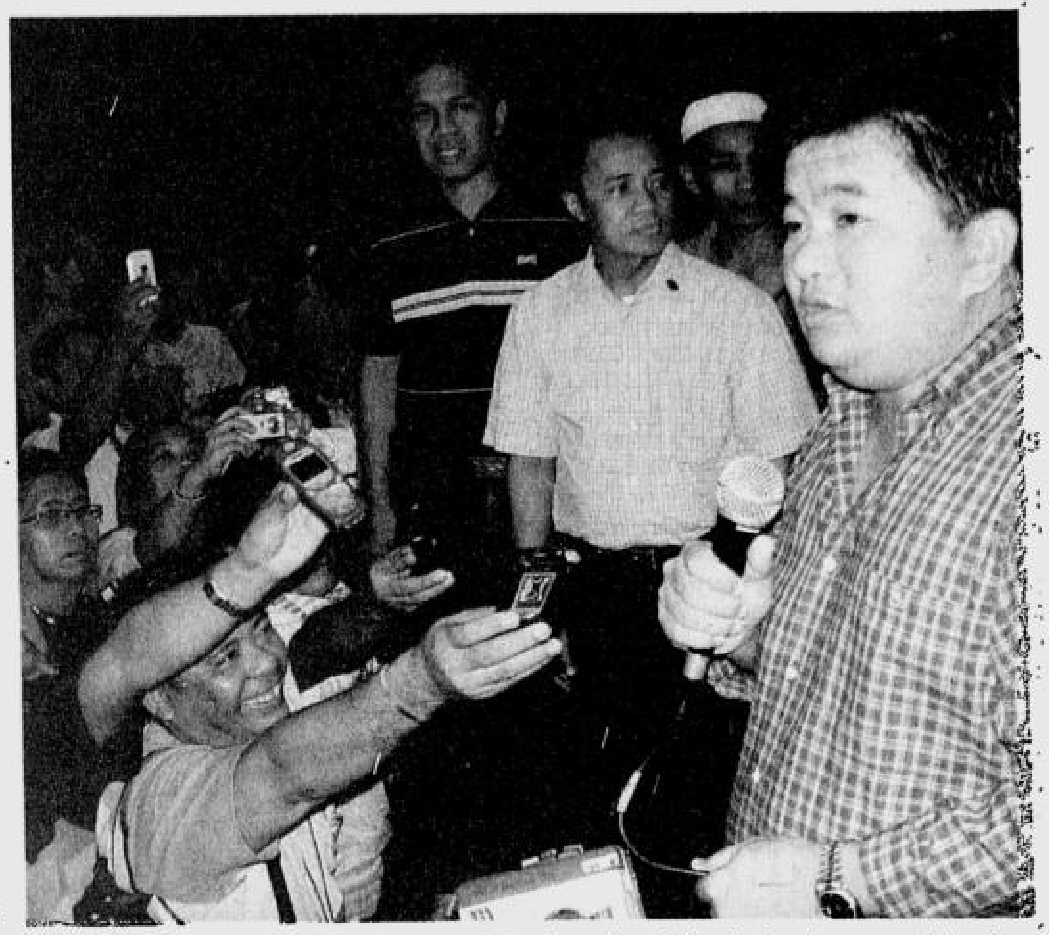
SAYING GOODBYE A FAMILY AFFAIR. First Gentleman Mike Arroyo was seen off by daughter Luli, son Dato, daughter-in-law Kakai and granddaughter Victoria at the Naia late Wednesday night. Mr. Arroyo flew to the US to resume his voluntary exile but not before condemning the political opposition for its allegations that he was behind the turnabout of the two "jueteng" witnesses of Archbishop Oscar Cruz at the Senate hearings.

ROGER MARGALLO



AND the winner is, Zaldy Ampatuan who is being interviewed shortly after he was proclaimed winner of the gubernatorial race in the ARMM election.

NASH MAULANA/PDI MINDANAO BUREAU

Please pass the smiles as GMA breaks ice, bread ...

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launching of the new Radio Veritas format last week.

"She was charming to congressmen. I think we should look at this through her broader campaign, her media blitz and image makeover. She had a sweet smile for everybody," Ocampo said.

He said he was not moved by Ms Arroyo's new tack, adding that the President did not bring up the topic of her impeachment.

"I was not affected. I think she knows my decision. It was civil," Ocampo said.

Parañaque Rep. Roilo Golez, another proimpeachment lawmaker who sat to the President's right, said the President looked relaxed although the impeachment hearings against her formally started in Congress earlier that day.

"I did not expect her to be there but it was very cordial and she looked quite happy," said Golez, a former national security adviser of Ms Arroyo.

The President even joked that she had with her two lawmakers from the two extremes of the political spectrum—Golez from the Right and Ocampo from the Left.

With Golez sitting literally to her right and Ocampo to her left, the President quipped: "I am between the Left and the Right. I think I can reach them."

"We had a good laugh. People thought that it was very amusing and they were ganging up on us," said Golez, who sat with the President for 15 minutes.

Golez and Ocampo said that it was Gina de Venecia, Speaker Jose de Venecia's wife, who urged the proimpeachment lawmakers to approach the President.

She was also able to convince Quezon City Rep. Bingbong Crisologo and Ave party-list Rep. Eulogio Magsaysay to talk to Ms Arroyo after the President spoke with Golez and Ocampo.

"Gina thought of a game of proimpeachment lawmakers approaching the President. She said 'Talk to the President.' I said I was used to talking to her. I was a friend of her father, the late President (Diosdado Macapagal)," Ocampo said.

Ocampo, a former journalist, covered Malacañang during the elder Macapagal's term in the 1960s, when Ms Arroyo was in her teens.

'We should talk'

He said the President joked that Ocampo's adversaries in the peace process, like former Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process Teresita "Ging" Deles, were now in the opposition and were also asking for her removal.

"She mentioned those that we criticized, like Ging Deles. She said 'She left me. Isn't she your enemy?' It was like that so I told her that even if we were on opposite sides, we could still talk," Ocampo said, who spoke with the President in her native Kapampangan.

"I mentioned that we should just wait for the crisis to be over. Whatever happens—if she wins or we win—we should talk," he added.

Golez said the guests, who included former and current congressmen, dined on spaghetti, prawns, grapes and wine.

"That's how politics should be—cordial and civil. However, people sometimes get pretty serious and start wagging fingers which should not be," he said.

Filipinos need to relearn truth-telling

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Carandang said Filipinos should relearn the values of truth-telling from children to survive the trauma caused by the current political scandals and controversies.

Children's views of life remain clean and honest—until "somewhere along the way, we (adults) teach them to lie," she said.

Afraid

Carandang spoke yesterday at a symposium at the University of the Philippines, which was organized by the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society-Philippines and the UP College of Arts and Letters.

The psychologist compared the Philippines' situation to a family suffering from an abusive father.

For example, a mother who learns that her husband has raped their daughter is faced with a dilemma: leaving him will leave them without a means to fend for themselves, but staying will expose her child to more abuse.

"Often, the family will just stop talking about the problem," Carandang said.

Fear of the unknown overpowers the need for justice, she said.

But the path to curing the nation of its ills is to confront the truth. "Healing cannot happen without it," she said.

According to Carandang, some political leaders these days "prevent themselves from learning the truth."

"They see what they want to see or what their superiors want them to see," she said.

The political spectrum is now divided between "those who want to get to the facts, to know the real story, and those who just want to go on, forget it, brush off the horrible details," she said.

Carandang said the latter reaction was not surprising.

"We are a people who have been traumatized and re-traumatized before we could even recover," she said, citing the martial law years under the dictator Ferdinand Marcos, the ouster of President Joseph Estrada and, currently, the scandals involving President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Traumatized

Then as now, Filipinos "feel the same sense of betrayal and powerlessness," she said.

Betrayal and powerlessness are two key ingredients of psychological trauma, Carandang said.

She said traumatized people had two conflicting needs: To share their experience, so they could release pent-up emotions, and to keep it secret because "the truth is too painful to tell."

Memory-keeping

For Filipinos to recover from their trauma, they can learn from children, for whom truth-telling is natural and instinctive no matter how painful, Carandang said.

"[The Filipino] must tell his story, the true story—and own it," she said.

In his reaction to Carandang's lecture, anthropologist and INQUIRER columnist Michael Tan said memory-keeping was another key ingredient in healing the nation.

The people must remember the past, however ugly or painful, he said.

Tan cited the case of the descendants of Filipino women who were raped by Japanese soldiers during World War II.

Ironically, many of them are now working as "entertainers" in Japan, he said.

He stressed the need to keep history, as well as its lessons, in the national consciousness.

10 Indonesians hunted in Zamboanga bombings

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could be behind the explosions that occurred 30 minutes apart and injured at least 26 people.

Gonzales said two of the militants were believed to be already in Manila, scouting possible targets with the help of Filipino accomplices from the Abu Sayyaf.

"The searches will be intensified," he said, adding that possible targets in Manila, such as hotels and shopping malls, had been alerted.

4 persons interrogated

In Zamboanga City, Chief Supt. Prospero Noble, Western Mindanao police director, said at least four persons had been invited for questioning.

"They are not yet suspects. They were just invited to shed light on Wednesday's incidents, but we are not yet releasing them because we need more information from them," Noble told the INQUIRER.

The Abu Sayyaf, a gang of Islamic militants blamed for the bombing of a ferry last year in Manila Bay that killed more than 100 people, were also suspected of planning the attacks in Zamboanga City.

2 separate blasts

At around 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, a homemade bomb exploded under a passenger jeepney, locally called "multicab," along Campaner Street, injuring five persons. The blast left a 10-inch deep crater.

The second explosion occurred in an inn on the second floor of a building on Mayor Climaco and Mercado streets. At least 21 people, mostly patrons of a Chowking restaurant below the pension house, were injured.

Lt. Gen. Alberto Braganza, Southern Command chief, said the bombings could be related to the arrest earlier of a suspected Abu Sayyaf bomber, identified as Alex Kahal.

Before the blasts, a suspected Abu Sayyaf member also sent letters to two local television stations, warning of bombings.

Malacañang yesterday condemned the latest attacks and said President Macapagal-Arroyo had ordered the police and military to go after the bombers.

"The police and military are under strict orders by the President to get to the root of these attacks and bring the perpetrators to justice," Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said in a statement.

Tipped off

Gonzales said the Philippines had received a tip from unspecified foreign governments about the 10 Indonesians who were believed to belong to the JI group behind the 2002 bombings on the island of Bali.

He declined to elaborate on the sources, but a security official told Agence France-Presse that at least two top JI lieutenants who played key roles in the Bali attacks had slipped into Mindanao.

The two were identified as Omar Patek and Dulmatin, whose real name is Joko Pitono and who allegedly helped assemble the bombs that killed 202 people on the Indonesian island resort .

Gonzales said the Indonesian suspects may be working closely with Dulmatin.

"What is important here is we are beginning to see a new development as far as terrorism is concerned in the Philippines," he said.

He said the JI was "beginning to employ non-Filipinos in the Philippines terror action, this to us is significant."

Confidential report

Philippine security agencies are aware that al-Qaida-linked militants are plotting to attack the British and American embassies and other targets in the country this year, according to a confidential government report seen by The Associated Press yesterday.

Some of the attacks, planned by the Abu Sayyaf and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, are to be staged by Filipino militants trained by the JI, it said.

The report to assess terror threats in the Philippines was prepared in March by security officials using data collected by several antiterrorism units and law enforcement agencies.

It contained sketchy details of bombing, kidnapping and assassination plots by the Abu Sayyaf and the MILF in more than 20 provinces, cities and villages nationwide, including Metro Manila.

The planned Abu Sayyaf attacks were intended to project strength despite setbacks in battles against government forces, the report said.

The government blames the Abu Sayyaf for three almost simultaneous bombings on Feb. 14 that killed eight people and wounded more than 120 in Manila and the southern cities of General Santos and Davao.

Those attacks bolstered persistent intelligence information that the JI was operating in the Philippines and coordinating with local militants despite attempts to crack down on the group, the report said.

Terrorists' targets

"The JI fund support for terrorist operations remains unhampered despite the neutralization of key financiers in previous years," it said.

The targets included the cities of Zamboanga, Cotabato and Koronadal. The last two places were hit July 30 by bombings that wounded four people. Authorities blamed the Abu Sayyaf for the blasts.

The report mentions a plan by the MILF's special operations group, whose members had been linked in the past to the JI, to bomb the US and British consulates, an overhead commuter train, various hotels and a popular mall in the capital on unspecified dates.

A five-member team assigned to carry out the attacks left Davao City for Manila in January, it said.

MILF spokesperson Eid Kabalu denied any such plan by his group, which has been engaged in peace talks with the government since 1997 and has helped troops hunt down Abu Sayyaf militants in the south.

Abu Sayyaf leader Abu Sulaiman, who remains at large but has been charged with several deadly bombings, planned car bomb attacks in the business district of Makati City, military and police camps in the capital, and sites in Davao, the report said.

Two Abu Sayyaf would-be suicide bombers were waiting to acquire "luxury cars" to use in the attacks, according to the report.

Ferries plying the southern Mindanao region and Manila also were Abu Sayyaf targets, the report said.

Kidnappings

Followers of Abu Sayyaf commander Isnilon Hapilon, backed by MILF rebels, plan to conduct kidnappings "at any opportune time" in three towns on Basilan Island. The report said 27 MILF recruits trained by five Indonesian militants had been ordered to kidnap foreigners in Iligan City "as a test mission," and foreign tourists in two central provinces.

The President's security adviser Gonzales, said US-backed offensives that have kept Abu Sayyaf guerrillas on the run, a tighter immigration watch and the strengthening of security around potential targets may have delayed or thwarted some terrorist plots. *Reports from Julie S. Alipala, Rolly A. San Juan, Jeoffrey Maitem and Joselle Badilla, PDI Mindanao Bureau; Luige A. del Puerto and Christine O. Avendaño in Manila; and INQUIRER wires*

EXPLOSIVES EXPERTS sift through the debris under a jeepney, the scene of the first bomb explosion in Zamboanga City.

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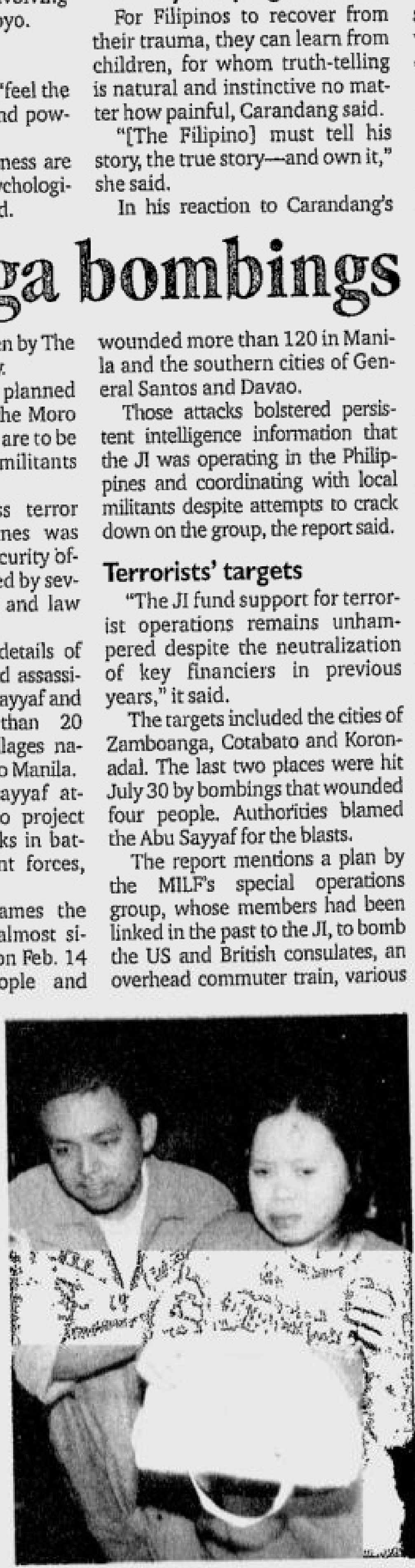

A VICTIM is led to an ambulance at the second explosion site at a restaurant.

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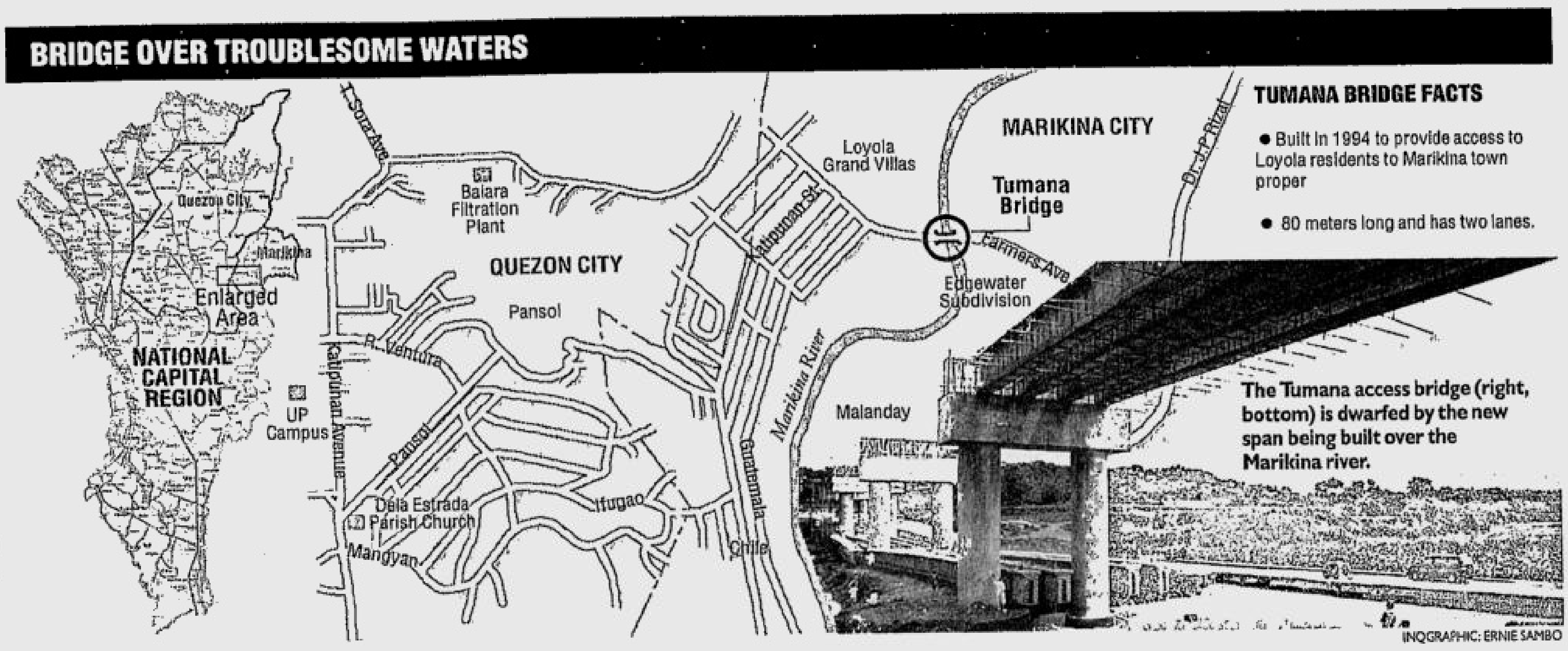
Alarm raised on use of Marikina bridge

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

BRIDGE OVER TROUBLESOME WATERS



TUMANA BRIDGE FACTS

- Built in 1994 to provide access to Loyola residents to Marikina town proper
- 80 meters long and has two lanes.

The Tumana access bridge (right, bottom) is dwarfed by the new span being built over the Marikina river.

INQGRAPHIC: ERNIE SAMBO

DESCENDING on this bridge? Be careful.

Water quickly drowns the small Tumana Bridge connecting Marikina City to Quezon City every time the Marikina River swells because of rain.

The heavier the downpour, the faster the water rises. The current can also gain enough strength to sweep light vehicles off the bridge, rescue officials warned.

Elpidio de Vera, 56, was driving his Tamaraw FX Taxi on Saturday night when he crossed the bridge in Barangay Concepcion Uno eventhough, witnesses said, the bridge was already under water.

De Vera never made it across. He was trapped as the water quickly rose and swept the vehicle into the rampaging river.

Death in river

His body was recovered three days later, several kilometers away in the Pasig River.

Because of this, officials are warning drivers of light vehicles never to cross the bridge if they could no longer see the pavement.

"We advise drivers of light vehicles never to descend on the bridge if the pavement is already under water," City Rescue Unit desk officer Dennis Carlos said.

He said they alert barangay officials to close the bridge to motorists when the water level reaches 13 meters.

While heavier vehicles like trucks and cargo vans may endure the strong current, lighter vehicles are likely to be carried away, barangay councilman Jojo Ortiz also said.

Barangay watchmen usually put warning posters on the approach to the bridge to warn motorists every time the bridge becomes no longer safe for passage.

The problem is not everyone heeds the warning.

"Some motorists are very stubborn. They usually ignore our warning signs," Ortiz said.

Barangay officials also put makeshift signboards in the middle of the bridge, but these can also be easily moved, so vehicles can still pass through, he said.

City police chief Manuel Gaerlan said he had proposed to the local government to construct "semi-permanent" blocks on the bridge, like those being used on rail road crossings.

These blocks can be lowered every time water drowns the bridge, to physically bar vehicles.

The bridge, built in 1994 during the term of former mayor and now Metropolitan Manila Development Authority chair Bayani Fernando, extends to only about 80 meters, according to assistant city engineer Kennedy Sueño.

The city public information office said the bridge was named after the riverside community in the area, which residents call *Tumana*, an old Filipino term for agricultural lands.

The bridge connects Farmers Avenue in Barangay Concepcion Uno and the Loyola Grand Villas Subdivision, parts of which are within Marikina City.

Small budget

Planning officer Maria Victoria Caballero said the bridge was built on a small budget of the local government to provide an access road to city residents in the subdivision going to the city proper.

"The bridge was a great help to us residents, especially those going to the University of the Philippines (Diliman Campus)," Caballero said.

Without the access road, residents going to Quezon City will have to take the longer routes going to the Don Mariano Marcos Avenue (passing through San Mateo, Rizal) or to Katipunan Avenue (exiting to Barangka Road).

The access road became the subject of a controversy in March when the owner of the private subdivision decided to close their gate leading to the bridge, rendering the bridge useless.

But after a few days, the city government demolished the concrete blocks erected on the gate to open the access road.

The good news is the national government has started the construction of a higher, bigger and more expensive bridge beside the small bridge.

The Department of Public Works and Highways has completed the first phase of construction.

But, in the meantime, while waiting for the new bridge, motorists will have to be cautious in using the small bridge.

Foiled rob turns into shootout

A BOTCHED robbery along Mariano Marcos Avenue in Quezon City resulted in a shootout between an off-duty policeman and six hold-up men, leaving a passenger and two of the suspects wounded before dawn yesterday.

PO1 Richard Mabazza of the city police' Mobile Patrol Unit was on his way home aboard a Lagro-bound jeepney when six men declared a hold-up, police said.

Mabazza, who was in civilian clothes, drew his service firearm, but one of the suspects fired at him first, police said.

The bullet missed the policeman but hit passenger Jojo Zamora in the head.

Mabazza managed to hit suspects Ronald Gonzaga and Ervin Sebastian.

DJ Yap

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A school girl is carried by a companion over a flooded portion of Bagong Lipunan Street in CCA, Las Piñas City.

If Arroceros were in Sacramento

By Percy D. Della

SACRAMENTO, California–Some cities—Manila for example —love to cut down trees. Sacramento nurtures them like they're people.

California's capital and Manila's sister city plants trees endlessly not only for aesthetics.

It does so to block the harsh valley sun. Sacramento's trees help prevent the "heat island effect"—a climatic scourge that develops over cities as natural vegetation gives way to asphalt, concrete and other man-made materials.

If Arroceros Park—Manila's last urban forest were in Sacramento —it would be a crime to take down its trees. And the mayor who orders them felled could be signing his political death warrant.

There's a quote from naturalist John Muir that conveys Sacramentans' dislike for those who uproot trees without rhyme or reason: "God has cared for these trees, saved them from drought, disease and a thousand tempests and floods. But he cannot save them from fools."

Sacramento's love affair with trees started during the time of John Augustus Sutter in whose property the famous California Gold Rush started in 1849.

The first Sacramentans led by Sutter planted oak and sycamore trees to counter the heat.

Even today, state laws, city and county ordinances protect Sacramento's valley and heritage oaks.

In this city of trees—strip malls, skyscrapers, housing developments and major thoroughfares—build around trees, oak specially.

County zoning edicts also require home builders to plant two shade trees in front of every new home built and to lay out a park with trees for every development of 50 homes and more.

Sacramento is known as America's "City of Trees" and has a canopy that is the envy of other American cities. Sacramento is said to rank second only to Paris, France, in the number of trees in parks, streets and homes.

Tourists frequent the grounds around the Capitol because of its forest-like setting. Most of the area's 800 trees and shrubs from around the world that were planted in 1870, have survived time and the elements.

In the early 1900s, the Junior Chamber of Commerce offered free trees to residents each winter.

The idea is to preserve Sacramento's urban forest, save on electric bills (mostly for air conditioning) and forego the building of more power plants.

There is a story going around town that goes like this:

C. K, McClatchy, son of the first editor of The Sacramento Bee championed trees so much, he sometimes wrote front-page obituaries for trees killed by vandals.

As the story goes, one Sacramentan, after noting that the Bee's flag was at half-mast, asked another who died?

"Probably another oak tree," comes the reply.

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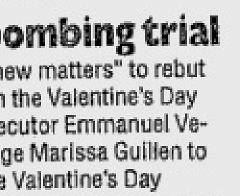
Reopening of bombing trial

CITING the revelation of "new matters" to rebut the claims of defendants in the Valentine's Day bombing case, State Prosecutor Emmanuel Velasco is asking Makati Judge Marissa Guillen to reopen the hearings on the Valentine's Day bombing case. Guillen has ended the trial and has set the promulgation for Aug. 25. *Tarra V. Quismundo*

Pinay wanted in Guam

A FILIPINO-AMERICAN woman, who is facing drug charges in Guam, was arrested by agents of the National Bureau of Investigation and Bureau of Immigration Wednesday night in Mandaluyong City. Editha Ilang Fuller, 55, was arrested at 10:45 p.m. at her house on Pantaleon Street, Barangay Barangka Ibaba, Mandaluyong. The NBI said Fuller has a pending warrant of arrest issued by the US District Court for her alleged involvement in the importation of 840 grams of shabu in Guam. *Tina G. Santos*

John Mayo, 3, is missing



THREE-YEAR-OLD John Renvic Mayo is missing. He was last seen wearing pink pajamas and white sando in Purok 4, Sucat, Parañaque. His aunt had just gone out to buy pandesal when she saw him being carried off by a woman described as short, dark-skinned and with curly hair. For any information on John, please contact 0918-3782642, 0920-4267200 or 825-7012.

Police checkpoints make a comeback

By Nancy C. Carvajal

TO STOP a possible upsurge of kidnap-for-ransom incidents, the National Capital Regional Police Office (NCRPO) is reactivating its anti-kidnapping task force and putting up 24-hour outposts in strategic areas in Metro Manila, a police official said yesterday.

The development came as kidnappers grabbed an 11-year-old boy in Tondo, Manila, the other day, and several other abductions were reported in Valenzuela.

"The 24-hour checkpoint is manned by uniformed police personnel with the assistance of Metro Manila Development Authority and elements from Special Weapons and Tactics," said Southern Police District Head, Chief Supt. Wilfredo Garcia.

Areas considered strategic in the southern part of Metro Manila are the Alabang interchange, Tunasan, Susana Heights and San Dionisio in Parañaque.

"The toll gates are considered crucial points because it serves as the entry and exit point of everybody," the SPD chief said.

In the Makati Business Center, checkpoints and the "Makati shield" have been set in place.

Over in north Metro Manila, identified strategic places include Malanday, McArthur Highway, both in Valenzuela, and the toll gates and other possible links like the C-3 and C-4 Roads.

Police teams on visibility patrols will be composed of local police, military men, elements from the Traffic Enforcement Groups and barangay officals.

Garcia added that the reactivation of the regional anti-kidnapping task force was in response to the reported abductions.

Meanwhile, the van used in the abduction of a boy in Tondo on Wednesday was found abandoned in front of 6 Guevarra St. corner Del Monte Avenue in Quezon City.

Police, citing a resident's account, said the gray Toyota Lite Ace van with license plate TAH 958 was left there by two men at 7:15 a.m. or about 30 minutes from the time of the kidnapping.

With a report from DJ Yap

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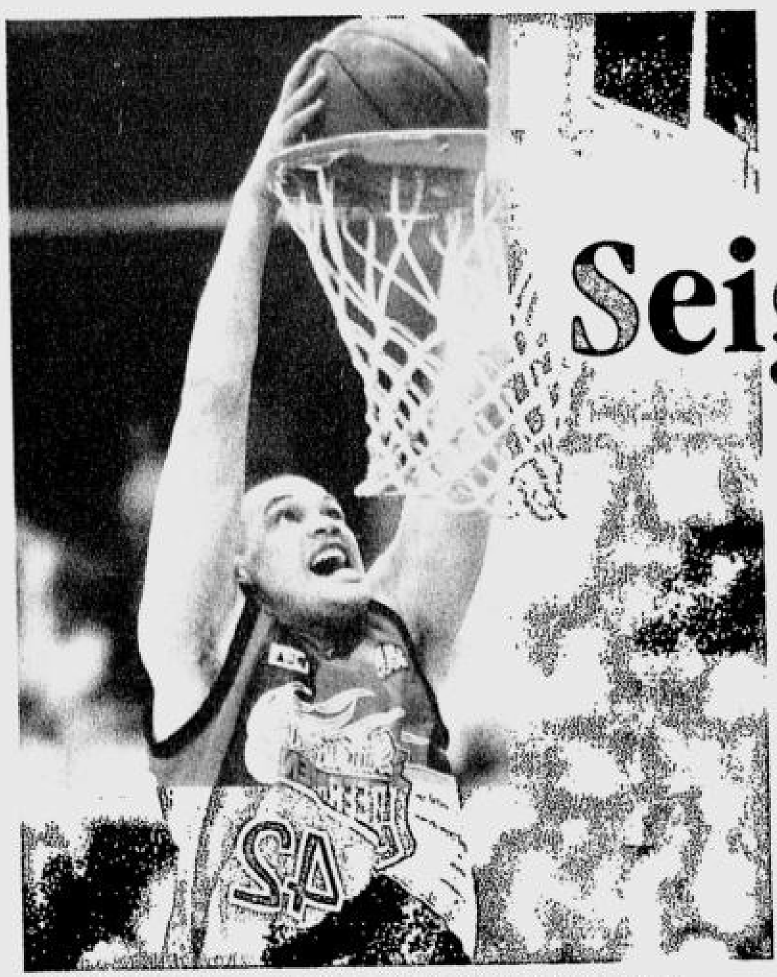

SAN MIGUEL'S Danny Seigle goes for a slam in this file photo.

Seigle joins RP 5 to Brunei

DANNY Seigle and San Miguel teammates Nic Belasco and Dorian Peña will join the all-pro national team competing in the fifth Shell Rimula Cup Brunei basketball tournament set Aug. 20-28.

The event serves as part of the final stages of the RP five's buildup for the Fiba-Asia men's championship in Doha, Qatar, next month should the sport's world governing body lifts its suspension on the Philippines and allow the Filipinos to compete as a wild card entry in the Asian championship.

Coach Chot Reyes has chosen the three Beermen to join Jimmy Alapag, Jayjay Helterbrand, Renren Ritualo, Dondon Hontiveros, Kenny Williams, Kerby Raymundo, Billy Mamaril, Romel Adducul and Asi Taulava in the team for the Brunei joust that will also feature Alaska Milk, the Indonesian national squad and club teams from Japan, Korea and China.

The Brunei tourney is the RP squad's third foreign journey in two months under a long-term program geared toward a return stint by the Philippines in the Olympics in 2008.

The RP team has earlier competed in the Global Hoops Challenge in Las Vegas, Nevada, where it won two of five games and in the Jones Cup in Taipei, where it finished third.

Adducul, Raymundo, Helterbrand, Williams and Hontiveros will be seeing action for the Nationals for the third time.

Seigle is returning to the national team since a severe ankle injury knocked him out of the 2002 Asian Games-bound RP squad in Busan, South Korea.

The Shell Rimula Cup is practically the same event where Red Bull and Purefoods competed in last year. The Barakos looked headed for the semifinals when they figured in a fight with the Koreans and were subsequently disqualified.

That incident prompted the organizers—mostly Brunei-based Malaysians—to invite foreign officials to work on the technical side to ensure this year's event will be a success.

PBA technical chief Perry Martinez has been invited to be a part of the disciplinary committee along with two PBA referees, who will work some games.

Participating teams are allowed to bring three imports but Reyes has no intention of getting even one. Alaska is looking for an import that it will also field in the PBA Reinforced Conference starting Oct. 2.

The international basketball federation (Fiba) has suspended the country from international competitions in the wake of the Basketball Association of the Philippines' expulsion from the Philippine Olympic Committee.

Knights stake streak versus surging Lions

GAMES TODAY (Cuneta Astrodome)
11:30 a.m.—San Beda vs Letran (Jrs)
2 p.m.—San Beda vs Letran (Srs)
4 p.m.—Perpetual vs SSC (Srs)
6 p.m.—Perpetual vs SSC (Jrs)

By Jasmine W. Payo

WILL the San Beda Lions pull off a shocker over the unbeaten Letran Knights?

Expectations are now high after the Lions—rejuvenated under new coach Koy Banal—scored back-to-back stunners against the defending champion Philippine Christian U Dolphins and the multi-titled San Sebastian Stags in the NCAA basketball tournament.

"From day one, there's pressure," said Banal of his Lions, who will go up against the Knights at 2 p.m. today at the Cuneta Astrodome.

"Now that we won two straight, it's all the more harder."

Although the Knights are already assured of a semifinal seat, coach Louie Alas clearly wanted to maintain his squad's unblemished record.

"San Beda is on a winning run and the teams they beat are heavyweights," said Alas. "So we have to be ready, especially with their defense."

While the Knights gun for their 10th straight win, the Stags will try to boost their Final Four bid against the University of Perpetual Help Altas at 4 p.m.

The newly energized Lions are coming off a week-long break, giving Banal enough time to plan out a possible upset.

"Our goal is to be consistent in everything we do," said Banal. "Against Letran, we have to improve our ball handling and decision making."

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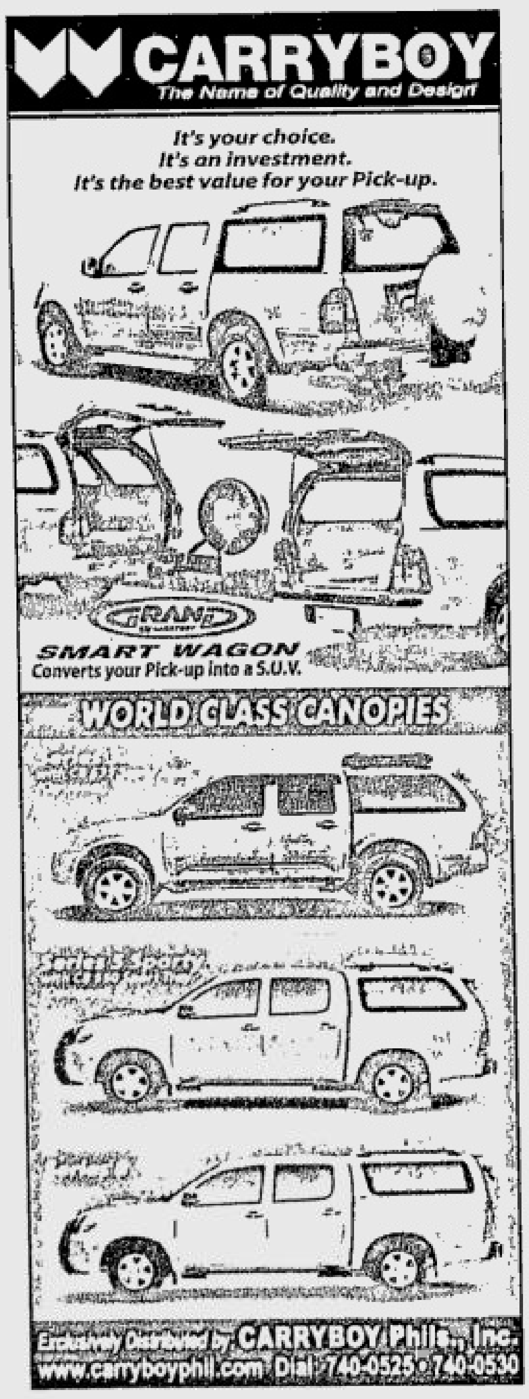
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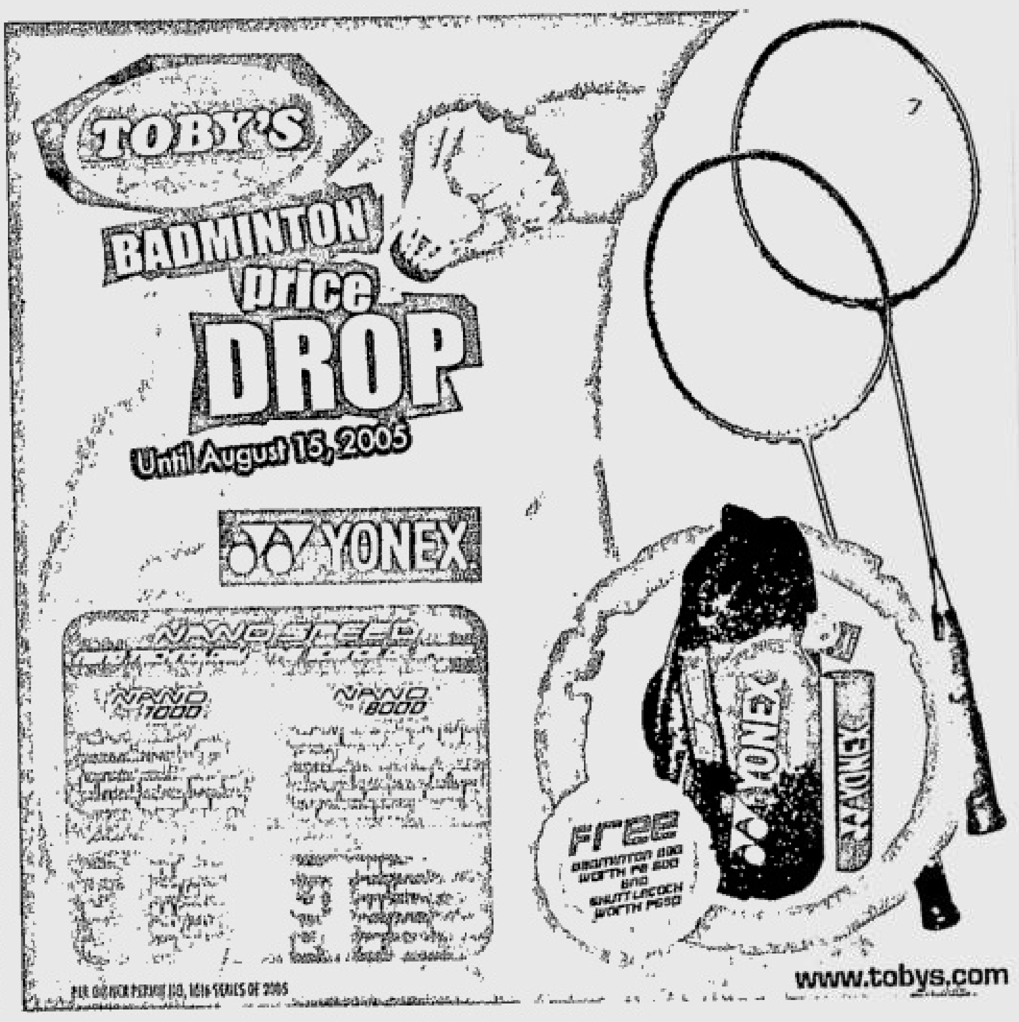
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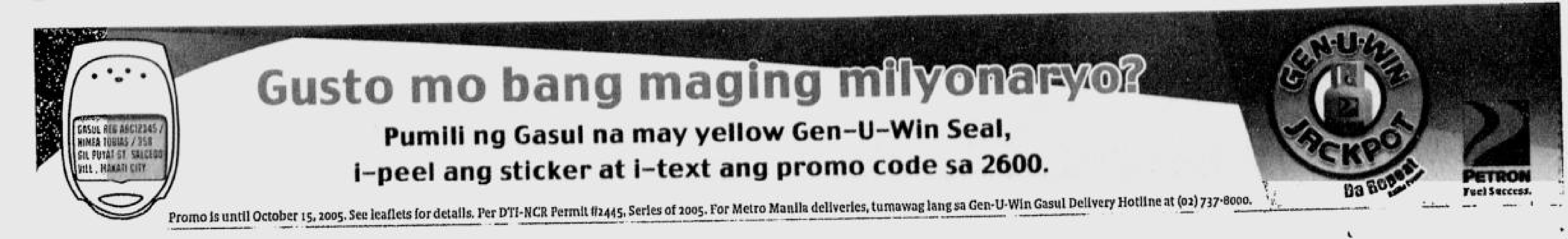
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Government assistance to assure 3rd Asean Para Games success

THE PHILIPPINE government has thrown its full support behind the staging of the third Asean Para Games the City of Manila is hosting from Dec. 14-21 at the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex.

According to Michael Barredo, overall chair of the Organizing Committee, President Macapagal-Arroyo, through Executive Order No. 275, has called for the wholehearted support and cooperation of government agencies to ensure the success of the worthy sports undertaking.

Manila Mayor Lito Atienza and son, Arnold "Ali" Atienza, have likewise committed to give the assistance of the city government and the Manila Sports Council to the endeavor.

A general assembly meeting of the organizing committee will be held today at 2 p.m. at the Pearl Hotel Manila.

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Ramirez satisfied with 'new' Philsoc

By Jasmine W. Payo

RAMIREZ

SHORT of admitting the shortcomings of the Philippine Southeast Asian Games Organizing Committee (Philsoc), Philippine Sports Commission chair William "Butch" Ramirez said he will now have a more "hands-on" approach in the preparation for the biennial meet slated here from Nov. 27 to Dec. 5.

"Now that I'm working from the inside, we'll be able to fast-track the preparation," said Ramirez.

Ramirez specifically cited the lack of promotion and coordination with the local government units.

"(With the new Philsoc structure), we'll be able to fast-track the things that we're supposed to be doing," said Ramirez. "For example, in the matter of linkages with the league of governors, mayors, vice mayors and councilors, we should be able to tap them to promote awareness (of the Games) in the whole country."

"Those things should have been done early this year," added Ramirez. "But even if it's late, even it will seem like a close fight, our direction is now clear."

Last Monday, President Macapagal-Arroyo clipped the powers of Obet Pagdanganan as chief organizer of the Southeast Asian Games.

Philippine Olympic Committee president Jose "Peping" Cojuangco was appointed as the Games' chief executive officer, while Ramirez was named as chief operating officer.

Ramirez said their specific functions will still be discussed during the POC's special general assembly meeting on Wednesday.

"After these changes, we're strengthening the Philsoc," said Ramirez. "I'm no longer watching from the outside. Things should be done properly and swiftly."

Ramirez also commended President Macapagal-Arroyo for deciding to change the power structure in the Philsoc.

"GMA is conscious (of the problems) and she wants a successful SEA Games," said Ramirez. "That's already a positive sign."

Is Garci working for Pacquiao in L.A.?

BARE EYE

Recab Trinidad

HE was sent by his paper to California to report on the exclusive rituals inside Manny Pacquiao's training camp at the Wild Card Boxing Club in Hollywood.

Sorry, when Nick Giongco, a Pacquiao confidante who has been covering the world boxing celebrity for years, sent his first story, there was hardly anything new in what he had to report.

The story was flat if not entirely empty.

This led Giongco's immediate boss, Bulletin sports ed Ding Marcelo, to believe reports that his man had been turned away from the Wild Card gym on instructions of trainer Freddie Roach.

Giongco, in fact, failed to field a Pacquiao story the other day, Marcelo rued.

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In his first story datelined Los Angeles, Giongco said Pacquiao was up before the sun in his first roadwork for his Sept. 10 duel with Mexican Hector Velasquez. At the end of that roadwork, Pacquiao's running apparel was dripping wet, the same report added.

If a reporter bothered to travel thousands of miles just to come up with such tedious details, his boss has all the reason to be bothered or displeased.

The colorless report concluded with a final sentence detailing how Pacquiao "was roundly applauded the moment he entered the gym."

That, folks, was the closest the reporter had peeped into what's loomed as the biggest secret trainer Roach is supposedly cooking up with Pacquiao.

Just how exclusive is the plot they are trying to perfect?

Are they planning to make Pacquiao grow something equivalent to a third arm, to make his next fight, following back-to-back failures against Mexicans, extra special?

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Or do they have the infamous ex-Comelec Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano giving them tips on how to win on points, in case the next fight goes the distance?

The extremely exclusive developments could only lead us to speculate on what's up with the New Manny Pacquiao his American trainer appears to be preparing for the Staples Center card of Sept 10.

Anyway, for the record, Giongco did not confirm if he had been banned from the camp.

But he did give a hint of the order of business when he said "everybody with no official business was ordered out of the Wild Card gym" during Pacquiao's training hours.

"Outside the gym, I'm the boss, but when I'm training, they are the boss," Giongco quoted Pacquiao as saying "as he defended his handler's decision to keep fans away until the fight is over."

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Of course, they were being unfair to the seasoned Bulletin boxing writer, himself a practitioner of the Sweet Science.

Giongco was no ordinary kibitzer, no plain autograph hunter.

He had, in the past, also given tips and supported Pacquiao in training.

He was a member of the cast when Pacquiao stopped Marco Antonio Barrera in San Antonio, Texas, in November 2003.

He was really buddy-buddy with Pacquiao, and your reporter here, a team outsider, can attest to that.

In short, Giongco could be considered an unofficial member of Team Pacquiao.

But our friend had been deemed lacking in proper credentials this time out.

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Not one to be caught sulking, Giongo fired off a brief report from L.A. yesterday, but it was solely on bantamweight prospect Rey "Boom Boom" Bautista and Diosdado "Prince" Gabi who have arrived from Manila to train under Roach.

Let's just hope and pray Giongco is able to dish out something special from inside Team Pacquiao today.

You see, Giongco had reported exclusively on a secret weapon Pacquiao was supposed to have bared in his title fight against double-world featherweight champ Juan Manuel Marquez last year.

The secret weapon did not materialize, Pacquiao was solidly out-punched the rest of the match after having floored Marquez three times in the first round.

Then there was the very mysterious Manila Ice, another secret in the Pacquiao arsenal that had been scheduled to be exploded against Erik Morales in Las Vegas last March.

Well, if Manila Ice, another Roach creation, did actually materialize, it had obviously frozen Pacquiao dumb as he became a tame, predictable victim of Morales' ring expertise.

With those back-to-back flops, only a formula from the likes of the infamous Garci of the Gloriagate scandal should be able to help our hero score a win this time out.

They have got to hide.

Cruz gives RP third finals slot in Asian women boxing

ANNALIZA Cruz gave the Philippines a third shot at the gold with a victory over Yanasi Asami yesterday during the 3rd Asian Women Boxing Championships in Taiwan.

Cruz went straight to work right in the opener before pulling away in the last two rounds to dismiss her Japanese foe in their 52-kg match.

Cruz thus joins compatriots Gretchen Abaniel and Mitchell Martinez, who trounced their rivals Wednesday, in the finals.

Abaniel dominated Japanese Kadokua Chiaki en route to a 19-3 RSC-OS (Referee Stopped Contest-Outscore) victory in the 46 kg division Wednesday.

The favored Martinez, on the other hand, sent Vietnamese Dinh Thi Phuong Thanh reeling against the ropes with a flurry of punches to win by RSC-H (Referee Stopped Contest-Headblow), 1 minute and 45 seconds gone in the second round of their 60-kg bout.

Martinez meets Indian Pranamika in the finals.

The Amateur Boxing Association of the Philippines headed by Manny Lopez sent a six-woman team to the event. Their trip is backed by the FG Foundation, Ginebra San Miguel, Accel, PSC and Pacific Heights.

RP vs Japan in billiards

CLEAN LIVING

Manolo R. Iñigo

PLANS are afoot to stage a first ever all-students billiards tournament tentatively scheduled before the Southeast Asian Games on Nov. 27-Dec. 5, with handsome incentives awaiting the winning schools, including a trip to the United States for the student champion and a chance to take part in the prestigious US Open.

Not only that. As part of its development program to preserve the unprecedented popularity of billiards not only in Metro Manila but throughout the nation as well, the Billiards and Snooker Congress of the Philippines will be fielding the national women's team against a powerhouse ladies selection from Japan on Oct. 19-23.

This pioneering project will be jointly spearheaded by BSCP president Ernesto Fajardo and billiards "godfather" Aristeo "Putch" Puyat, who has built a reputation of producing Filipino world pool champions and hosting successful international billiards tournaments here over the years.

Under the all-students format, a school may enter at least five players to complete a team. Tournament days are every Sunday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. There will be no entry fee and all a student has to do is sign up for the tourney. Details will be announced later.

On the other hand, four national women players will carry the colors against the Japanese ladies. The locals, who made the RP team based on the points they won after a series of BSCP tryouts, are Davao City's Mary Ann Basas (270), Rubilen Amit (240), Iris Rañola (220) and Jhoanna Dee (150). Magda Say garnered 170 points but did not qualify for the national team being a Chinese.

Ever since unassuming Efren "Bata" Reyes won the World Pool Championship in Cardiff, Wales, in 1999 and Francisco "Django" Bustamante finished second at the same world pool tourney in 2002 (he played despite the death of his 8-month-old child), billiards has attracted to its fold players of all ages, shapes and sizes. And even though the Philippines is just a dot on the world map, their extraordinary feats made us proud as Filipinos because they gave our strife-torn country international respect and recognition.

However, the recent all-Taiwanese finals in the 2005 World Pool Championship in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, should make us realize that the future is not bright for us chiefly because the Chinese-Taipei players, led by their 16-year-old champion Wu Chia-Ching, are now the most dominant force in international billiards. Methinks, there is a need to accelerate the development of new and young Filipino talents who can be worthy successors to Reyes, who is pushing 52, and Bustamante, who will be 42 on Dec. 29.

Reyes admitted he was beginning to feel his age, but totally discounted the age factor. He was already 45 years old when he won the World Pool Championship in 1999 while Bustamante, his longtime buddy and *kumpadre*, was well past 30 when he became the world's No. 1 ranked player in 1998.

Emerging as the top point-winner at the end of the men's ranking local and international tournaments which the players selected themselves, Reyes (with 360 points) will lead the 10-man Philippine team that will participate in the SEA Games. The star-studded delegation is also composed of Bustamante (340), Gandy Valle (260), Rodolfo Luat (190), Alex Pagulayan (180), Ronnie Alcano (150), Lee Van Corteza (120), Antonio Gabica (100), Marlon Manalo (100) and Antonio Lining (90).

The players are competing in snooker singles, doubles and team, English billiards singles and doubles, and 15-ball singles and doubles. The Philippines won two gold medals in the 2003 Vietnam SEA Games, the 9-ball doubles and 8-ball singles.

The men's ranking local and international tournaments are the Hope P1 million All-Filipino Open, Japan Open, Asian Tour (Singapore leg), Asian Tour (Indonesia leg), Bali Open, Asian Tour (Taiwan leg), Hope II, Asian Tour (Manila leg), Philippine Open and 2005 World Pool Championship in Kaohsiung.

Retracing contemporary billiards history, the Americans were the most powerful players in the world during the 1970s and early 1980s. From the mid-1980s and up to the present, Asian cue artists have made their presence felt. In 1993, Chao Fong-pang of Chinese-Taipei won the World Pool Championship for the first time, with Japan's Takeshi Okumura capturing the title in 1994, the same year Reyes topped the US Open and became the first non-American to win the coveted crown. In 1998, Bustamante became the world's No. 1 player. The following year, Reyes won the world pool title, with Chao winning again in 2000. Mika Immonen of Finland won in 2001, Strickland in 2002, Thorsten Hohmann of Germany in 2003 and Filipino-Canadian Alex Pagulayan in 2004 in Taipei.

Internal problem causes plight of Little Leaguers—Puentevella

By Marc Anthony Reyes

BACOLOD Representative and Philippine Olympic Committee vice president Monico Puentevella yesterday lamented the sad plight of the Little League seniors girls' softball team which failed to make it to the World Series in the United States due to lack of funds.

But Puentevella said the aborted trip did not come as a surprise, noting the imbroglio that plagued the Bacolod-based team since it received P1 million from President Macapagal-Arroyo for winning the World Series girls' division two years ago.

"We are looking at an internal problem involving the same people, unfortunately this had to happen again," Puentevella told the INQUIRER. "I just hope this will not discourage the US Embassy from giving us visa in future tournaments."

Local pitcher Aiza dela Torre earlier claimed their coach, Francis Fuentes, left last week for the World Series 14-16 division in Lower Sussex, Delaware, minus the entire team which has trained for two years.

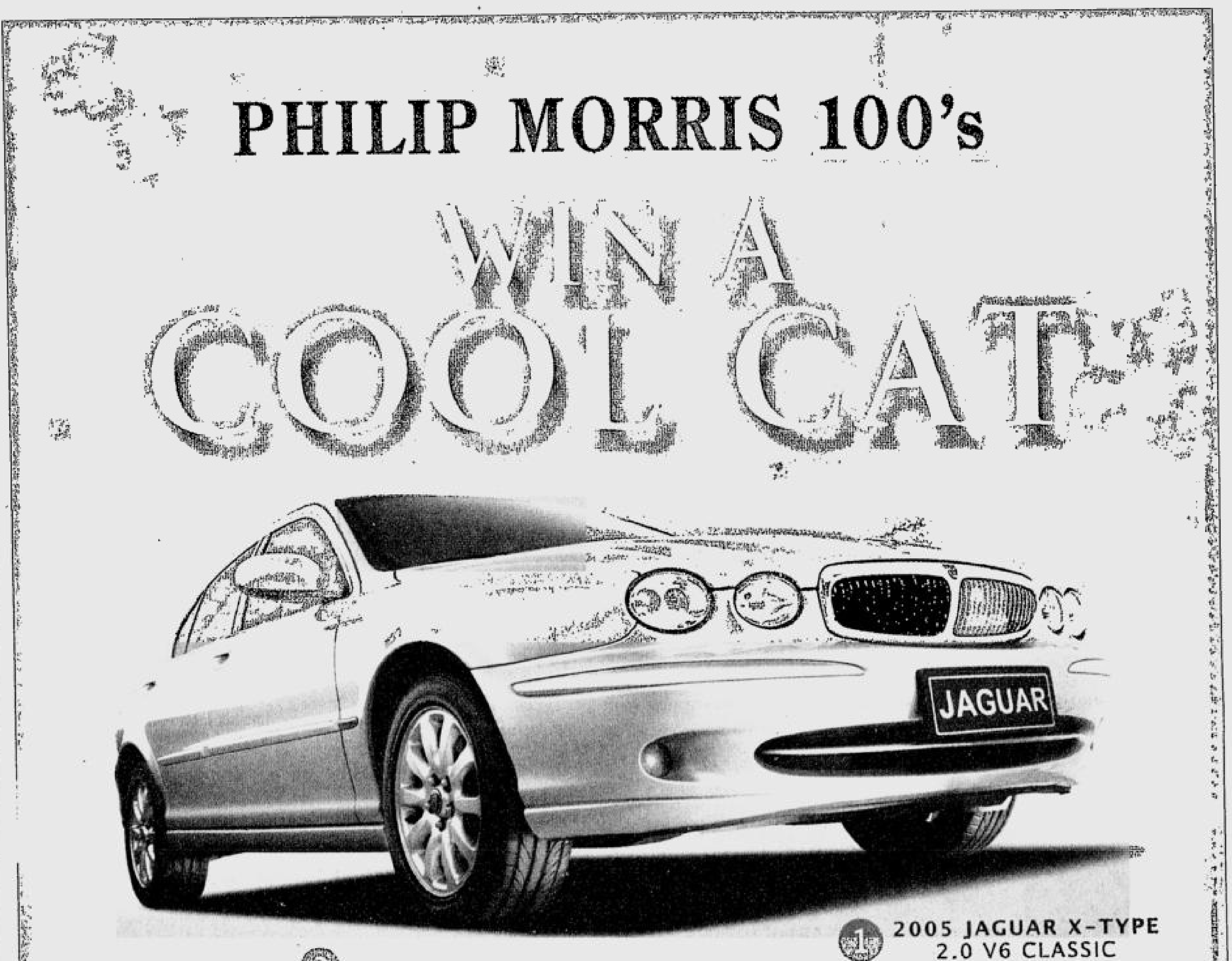
"It was a painful, sad and frustrating experience for us," Dela Torre said. "But maybe God has other plans for us."

Puentevella, who helped gather funds for the 2003 champion team which also included Dela Torre, said he hesitated to help this time because when they got the incentive from Malacañang two years ago, the money went to the wrong pocket.

"They were fighting over the money," said Puentevella, who added that the American Negros Association, the team's benefactor, might have been turned off by it, plus the fact that every year more than two Little League teams from the province make it to the different categories of the World Series.

He added that at least P1 million is needed to send a team to the US, including plane fare and accommodation.

"I decided to take the backseat this time because of what happened two years ago," said the weightlifting association chief. "But had they asked for my help, I would have gladly offered my services again."



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Forget Big Five, Big One favored as PGA tilt starts

DON'T let the look of nonchalance fool you. With a retooled swing and a newfound confidence, Tiger Woods is a safe bet to rule the season's final major. AFP

SPRINGFIELD, New Jersey—Tiger Woods has shattered any notion of a golfing "Big Five" with an overwhelming season that even his top rivals admit has proven Woods' supremacy in the sport.

The 29-year-old American superstar won the Masters and British Open titles, putted poorly and settled for second at the US Open and could capture his 11th career major crown here on Sunday at the 87th PGA Championship.

"He's the best player in the golf game," Vijay Singh said. "He has been like that for a while. If you don't have respect for what he has done, you're not thinking right. He's the best player and he has proven it over and over again."

Woods' 2004 struggles with swing changes sparked talk of a "Big Five," which, on paper, meant the American would find himself among the players hoping to benefit from his misfortune.

But Ernie Els has a torn left knee ligament, Retief Goosen blew British and US Open leads, Phil Mickelson has been a major flop, and Singh merely lackluster.

The only way these rivals have come out on top of Woods is alphabetically.

"I'm not the only one," Woods claimed. "Vijay has done all right, you know. Three top 10s. It's not like he has been out of it."

With six of his worst seven major rounds on weekends this year, it's not like the 42-year-old Fijian has been a serious contender despite sharing fifth twice and sixth at the US Open.

"Vijay" means victory in Hindi. Tiger means trouble in any language.

"Tiger has the whole package, a better package, short game, very strong mentally, and I think that's what makes him just a bit apart from the others," said two-time Masters champion Jose Maria Olazabal of Spain.

Scotland's Colin Montgomerie, second to Woods by five strokes last month in the British Open at St. Andrews, said rivals cannot help but feel overshadowed in their achievements by the Tiger-mania phenomenon.

"It's not just (Singh) that's not embraced, Montgomerie said. "I think Retief might feel that way. I think Ernie Els might feel that way as well. I think it's just the dominance of Tiger on and off the course.

"His personality and charisma are so strong on and off the course that it tends to feel like others aren't getting a look in. I don't think it's against them. I think it's more the fact that Tiger is who he is.

"It would give anybody a lot of delight to beat him in any competition, especially a major. They have become a lot harder to win and he seems to be able to cope with the different pressures more than anyone in our generation.

Woods, a 2-1 favorite for his third PGA crown, married Swedish model Elin Nordegren last year and has been unstoppable since.

The golfer with the best chance of denying Woods a title these days is Woods himself. This week's twist is that Tiger's usual par-5 feast comes at the end of the hunt, Baltusrol Golf Club offering par-5s only on the final two holes.

"It's very interesting. I've never seen anything like that before, 17 and 18 as par-5s when you have nothing but par-3s and par-4s all the way around," said Woods, who plans to lay up instead of challenge the epic 650-yard 17th.

"Well, 17 is going to be a 3-shot hole unless it turns big-time downwind and the fairways dry out," Woods said.

Meanwhile, ABC 5 Sports will air the second day of the PGA Championships tomorrow also at 6:30 a.m. with replays at 12:30 a.m.

Also, the game pitting the PBA-backed RP team and Billy Duffy and Associates, a team made up of US collegiate stars, will be shown today at 7 p.m. on ABC 5. *AFP*

O'Hair thrives away from 'military' dad

SPRINGFIELD, New Jersey—Sean O'Hair knew the question was coming.

So, Sean, how are things with your father?

For any other player, the question wouldn't have been out of the ordinary. But O'Hair's relationship with his father has been anything but ordinary.

Marc O'Hair doesn't communicate with his son, and he doesn't communicate much with the media, either. At least he didn't until the other day when he faxed a 17-page missive to various media outlets blaming the press for telling "one of the most prejudiced, one-sided stories in the history of sports."

You would think Marc O'Hair would have reason to be a little happier.

The son he raised to become a professional golfer is the best young player on the PGA Tour. He's won nearly $2 million, is a shoo-in for rookie of the year, and shows signs at the tender age of 23 that he might be very good for a very long time.

That was always the plan as father and son bounced their way through mini tours after Sean O'Hair quit high school to become a pro golfer at age 17. The two put 146,400 kilometers on a Ford Taurus, all with the goal of making the youngster good enough to play on the tour.

This isn't a warm fuzzy story, though.

Marc O'Hair had a business interest in his son, signing him to a contract guaranteeing him 10 percent of his earnings for life. He ran his life with military precision, getting him up early to run and sometimes having him run 1.6 km after a round for every stroke he was over par.

"I was in a business for 20-plus years, and I know what it takes to make a profit. You've got the same old thing. It's material, labor and overhead," the father said in a "60 Minutes II" interview three years ago.

"He's pretty good labor."

He was pretty good labor, that is, until he met Jackie Lucas, a junior golfer at Florida Atlantic. They played together, then O'Hair took her out—his first date—and they spent hours talking on the phone.

In December 2002, they married. And that's the last time O'Hair spoke to his father.

Now, things are different. Instead of having to run after a bad round, he would come home to Jackie.

"Whenever you don't have the weight of the world on your shoulders, it's a lot easier to perform," O'Hair said.

As for his father?

"I definitely think about my dad. I don't try to think about the hard times. You know he still is my dad and I love him and I always hope the best for him," O'Hair said. "But I have a different life now and it seems like so many years ago.

"I don't even really think about it." *AP*

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Pedro Guevarra HS booters rule Red Ribbon leg

HOST Pedro Guevarra Memorial National High School leaned on striker Jay Mark Cayabyab to beat defending champion South Hill School, 3-1, in the PFF Red Ribbon Under-15 football tournament at the Sta. Cruz Provincial Capitol grounds recently.

Cayabyab scored twice in the first 10 minutes, giving PGMNHS the momentum to cruise to victory over its conqueror (5-1) in the opening match of the event three weeks ago.

Marlon Magbuhos scored Guevarra's third goal while Adi Noblejas scored South Hill's lone goal in the absence of head coach Ryan Payson.

The organizing Laguna Football Association headed by Jun Pacificador named the "Outstanding-Eleven" of the tournament as follows: from South Hill School—Kyle Arboleda (goal keeper), Rovel Austria (sweeper), Chris Lazaro (defender), Alejandro Baldo (midfield) and Noblejas (midfield); from Pedro Guevarra HS—Ashley Flores (mid), Aljohn Chavez (striker) and the tournament's MVP Cayabyab (striker); from Alaminos FC is midfield Rafael Castro; San Pablo striker Rolan Benilia and striker Jerick Auxillio from Lumban. Awarded as the "Ball Juggling Champion" of the tournament was sweeper Rovel Austria of South Hill.

The event was supported by the Provincial Sports and Games Development Office headed by Dennis Lazaro, who is also the provincial administrator.

Edmon Domingo of Red Ribbon Bakeshop is special project manager while Ed Formoso is the overall special event coordinator.

GUESS who's back to his fist-pumping self? Rafael Nad after ousting Ricardo Mello of Brazil in their Montreal

Agassi, Nadal gain third-ro

MONTREAL—Three-time champion Andre Agassi defeated Jonas Bjorkman on Wednesday to advance to the third round of the Montreal Masters tennis tournament.

The 35-year-old Agassi, seeded fourth and seeking his first victory in Canada since 1995, advanced to face Nicolas Kiefer of Germany in the round of 16 on Thursday with his 6-1, 3-6, 6-2 victory. Kiefer, a semifinalist last year, beat Taylor Dent of the United States, 6-4, 6-4.

"That'll be a tough match," Agassi said. "These are tough conditions—quick courts, wind. He's a quick-court player. He uses the pace really well and moves the ball around. I'll have my hands full."

Agassi improved to 5-0 against Bjorkman. He has eight Grand Slam titles and 60 wins overall in his 19-year pro career, while Bjorkman has nine tournament titles in 15 years. They are two of the oldest players in the draw.

"There's a lot to like about playing against someone you've known and played against a long time," Agassi said. "There's a lot of mutual respect just for doing it for so long.

"There's so many faces you don't

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THE 2005 Pan Pacific Junior Baseball tournament unfurls today with Team Philippines taking on Singapore and powerhouse Japan battling dangerous Australia at the Sto. Niño baseball grounds in Marikina City.

Host City Mayor Maria Lourdes Fernando will usher in the four-day tournament, which stakes a berth in the Pony Baseball World Series in Singapore this October, in simple opening rites at 9 a.m.

Also expected to grace the inaugurals of the event for 14 to 15-year-olds is organizing Philippine Tot Baseball Foundation presid Tingzon Jr.

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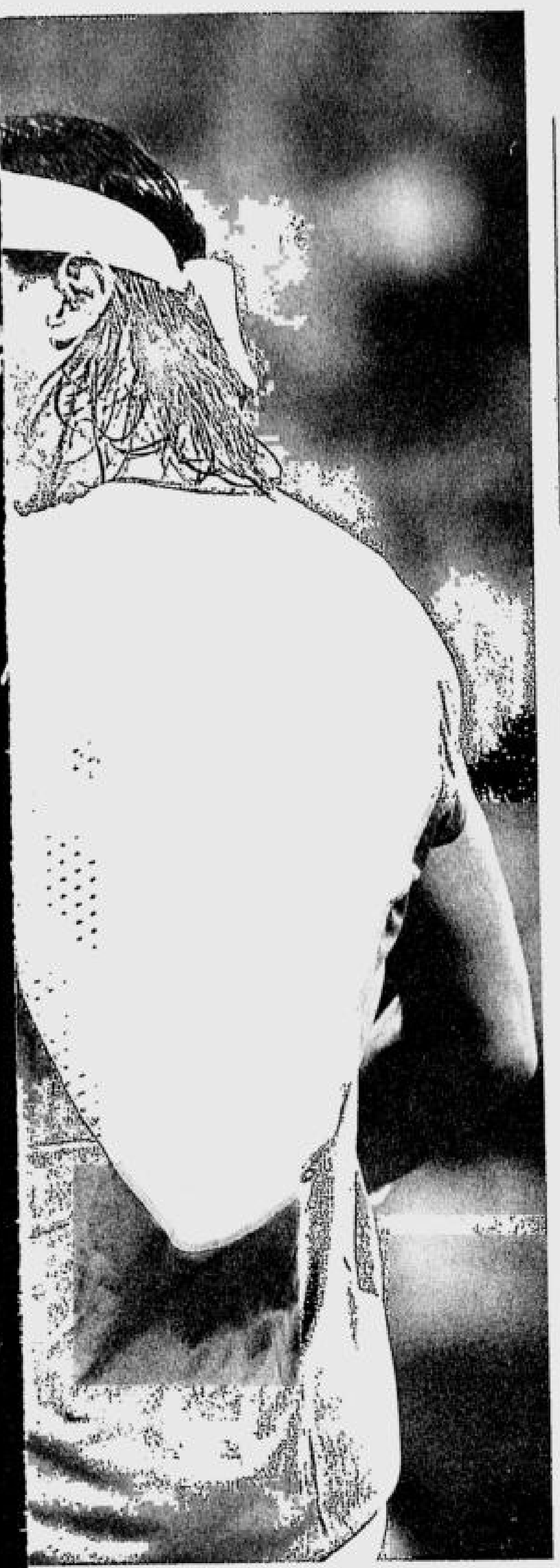

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"I think I don't play bad on fast courts," he said. "If I'm playing well, I can play good on this surface."

Former French Open champ Gaston Gaudio of Argentina broke Danish veteran Kenneth Carlsen in the last game to win, 3-6, 6-2, 7-5. And Montreal-born Greg Rusedski of Britain downed Max Mirnyi of Belarus, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (2), in a battle of big servers.

"I know, it's been a while," said Rusedski, whose 1995 decision to play for Britain seems to have been forgotten by the welcoming center court crowd that once booed him. "I'm really pleased to be through. It's been two tough matches."

Olivier Rochus of Belgium advanced when Swede Robin Soderling retired with a right ankle injury in the third set of their second-round match. Rochus was leading, 6-2, 6-7 (2-7), 5-2.

It was a gusty, rainy day in which play was halted twice by rain and lightning.

Grosjean, trailing 3-5 in the opening set when the rain halted play for 2 1 1/2 hours, came back when play resumed to beat the 15th-seeded Gasquet, 7-6 (7-5), 6-3. *AP*

Track stars adopt comic book alter egos

HELSINKI—Time was when it was sufficient to become world or Olympic champion by being simply called Carl Lewis or Jesse Owens.

Nowadays it appears impossible to win a track and field title without having a famous comic book character associated with your name.

The young generation, now taking over the sport of athletics, have opted to revert to a nostalgic era when Marvel comic book heroes were idols.

While Maurice Greene's nickname of the 'Kansas Comet' sounds like something Flash Gordon would simply love to shoot down to save the earth, his successor as American and world No. 1 Justin Gatlin has admitted that as a kid he liked nothing better than to don a Batman cape and jump onto his parents' bed.

"Yeah, it was kinda cool when I was 7 years old but I think they would get a bit of a shock if I did it now apart from the fact the bed might break," said the 23-year-old Olympic and world 100-m champion.

Gatlin cannot lay claim to the Batman tag because his fellow world champion in the 400-m hurdles, Bershawn Jackson, has already taken it.

"Why am I called Batman? Because I fly past people," said the 22-year-old American.

"I don't need no Robin."

It's unlikely that in the history of the Marvel golden era that Batman ever battled Superman so the world championships had an exclusive duel of the two when Felix 'Superman' Sanchez took to the track in the 400-m hurdles.

While the 27-year-old failed to make the final, he has certainly lived up to the tattoo of Superman he has emblazoned on his arm in winning the 2003 world title and the Olympic crown last year.

"It's not that I think I am Superman—who could be that arrogant? But I do like his character and his attitude—that is of the quiet unassuming guy who changes into a real hero when it is most needed," said the Dominican Republic star.

America's 100-m heroine Lauryn Williams has gone for the softer touch and is a keen Mickey Mouse fan.

While her size suits such a character—she stands 5-foot-2 and admits that while she may be tiny in size she has a large personality—she is yet to allow Minnie Mouse to be slotted into her name.

"I have Mickey Mouse memorabilia dotted round my apartment," the 21-year-old bashfully admitted. *AFP*

WILLIAMS: Mighty mouse. REUTERS

WORLD MEET

Gods on US, Gatlin's side in Helsinki

HELSINKI, Finland—After a near-perfect day for the US team at the world athletics championships, it's little wonder Justin Gatlin and the sprinters are dreaming of a 1-2-3-4 sweep in Thursday's 200 meters.

Gatlin wants to make sure his name comes up first, though. The 100 world champion is seeking the 200 gold as part of a triple which could be completed with the 400 relays on Saturday.

"It will be a historic night," said Gatlin, who was upstaged by Tyson Gay in his semifinal heat. In the other, defending champion John Capel beat Wallace Spearmon, the season's top performer, for a second one-two finish.

The toughest challenge to break the US string is expected to come from 18-year-old Jamaican Usain Bolt.

Despite having gone through four rounds of the 100 and three of the 200 since Saturday, Gatlin is convinced he can still make the difference.

"The Helsinki gods are on my side right now," he said.

They certainly were on the side of US athletes for most of Wednesday.

Teenage long jumper Tianna Madison came from nowhere to win her first major event when she set a personal best of 6.89 meters on her penultimate attempt, beating Russia's Tatyana Kotova by 10 centimeters.

What was a surprise to many was not to the precocious 19-year-old.

"I knew this was going to happen. I didn't know what year," Madison said.

Bryan Clay added a world title to his Olympic silver, easily containing Olympic champion and world record-holder Roman Sebrle through the closing 1,500 and clinching his first major title.

Even though the American finished last in the race, his overall total of 8,732 points—the season's top performance—easily beat the Czech's 8,521.

The queen of the 400 also lost when defending champion Ana Guevara of Mexico could finish only third in the final. Olympic champion Tonique Williams-Darling of the Bahamas came from behind on the final straight to run down American Sanya Richards.

"It's really a historical moment for me and the Bahamas," Williams-Darling said. "I feel really humbled and grateful and overjoyed right now."

In the absence of four-time defending champion Hicham El Guerrouj, Moroccan-born Rashid Ramzi took gold for Bahrain in the 1,500.

Ethiopian 10,000 champion Tirunesh Dibaba took another step to her long-distance double, winning her heat of the 5,000 to qualify for Saturday's final.

Andrus Varnik of Estonia added gold to his world silver of two years ago, winning the javelin.

The US team has six golds and a total of nine medals. Ethiopia has two golds and a total of five, with Sweden in third place with two golds and a bronze. *AP*

US Open champ crashes out

turn
AFP

CARSON, California—US Open champion and second-seeded Svetlana Kuznetsova was upset, 6-4, 6-4, by Eleni Daniilidou of Greece on Wednesday in the second round of the JPMorgan Chase Open

"If I keep playing like this, I can go home because I'm not going to win a match," Russian Kuznetsova said afterward. "I can't get everything together."

Earlier, No. 6 seed Mary Pierce of France left the tournament due to injury.

Former champion Kim Clijsters, the tournament's No. 5 seed, beat Karolina Sprem of Croatia, 6-2, 6-1.

Two other top-seeded Russians, No. 3 Elena Dementieva and No. 4 Nadia Petrova, also advanced.

Dementieva was a 6-4, 6-3 winner over Samantha Stosur of Australia. Petrova toppled Jill Craybas of the United States, 6-3, 6-1.

Pierce strained her right thigh muscle while practicing Tuesday and she withdrew because of persistent pain.

In other matches, No. 9 seed Daniela Hantuchova beat Angela Haynes, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2; Conchita Martinez upset Gisela Dulko, 6-4, 6-2; No. 16 Anna Chakvetadze eliminated Iveta Benesova, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4, and qualifier Kateryna Bondarenko outlasted Jide Zheng of China, 4-6, 7-5, 6-0.

No. 12 seed Dinara Safina defeated Rika Fujiwara, 6-2, 7-5; Francesca Schiavone edged Shuai Peng, 4-6, 7-6 (1), 6-4, and No. 17 Marion Bartoli beat qualifier Tiantian Sun, 6-7 (4), 6-3, 6-1. *AP*

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traditional favorites, collide with the Australians at noon.

Defending champion Chinese-Taipei, which trounced RP to cop the Asia-Pacific Bronco Baseball Championship last month, begged off at the last minute.

Marikina City and a National Capital Region selection are also seeing action as guest teams in the tournament sponsored by the Philippine Gaming Corp. and backed by Yellow Cab Pizza, Colgate-Palmolive, Asia Brewery Absolute, Max's Restaurant, Jollibee, Golden Vine Lab and Tropical Hut.

Marikina plays Singapore at 2 p.m. while NCR squares off with Marikina at 4 p.m. in a pair of exhibition matches.

The top two squads after the single round-robin elimination battle each other in a knockout match for the crown on Monday and a World Series berth.

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Hawks soar to 80th win

By Marc Anthony Reyes

UNIVERSITY of Manila did what was expected, but St. Clare continued to surprise everybody yesterday in the National Athletics Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities at the UM Gym.

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UM	7	0
St. Clare	6	0
STI	4	2
New Era	4	3
Umak	2	4
CEU	2	5
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PLP	0	6
HAU	0	2

GAMES TODAY (UM Gym)
8 a.m.—St. Clare vs PLP (srs)
10 a.m.—Amacu vs St. Clare (w)
11:30 a.m.—UM vs Umak (jrs)

Niño Songco and Romer Diaz sizzled in the fourth quarter with a combined 18 points in the period as the Saints pulled off yet another come-from-behind victory over the STI Olympians for their sixth straight victory.

St. Clare, ably coached by former pro Joel Dualan and managed by Naascu president Dr. Ernest Jay Adalem, remained unbeaten so far, somehow rivaling the phenomenal winning run by UM.

In scoring their seventh win this season—80th since 2001—the Hawks ripped Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Pasay, 84-71.

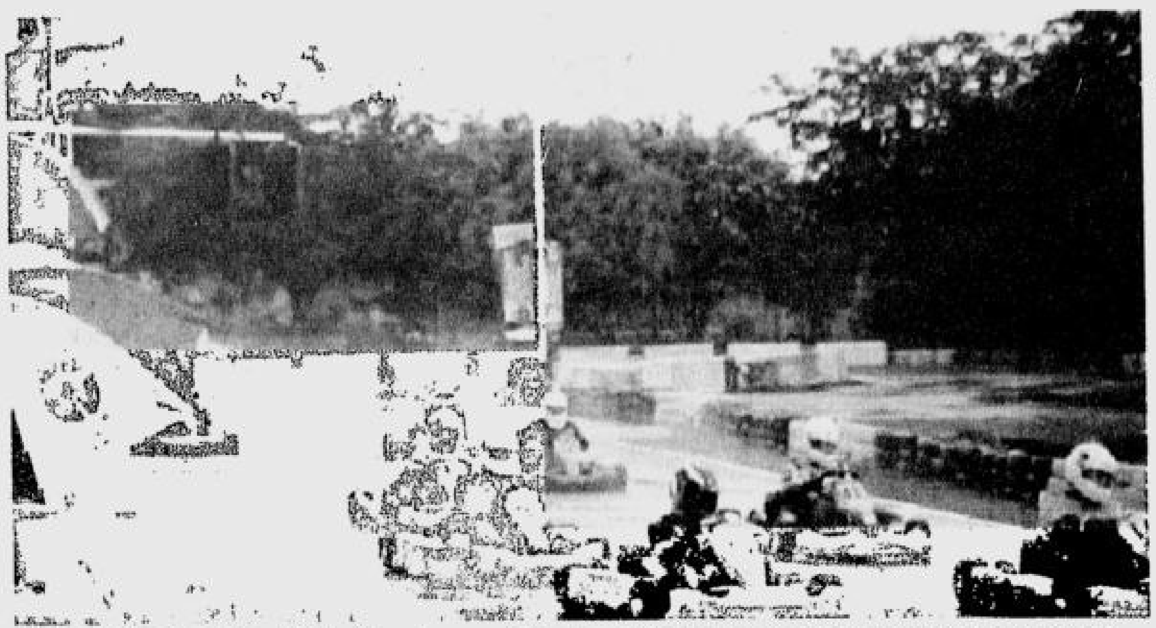
In the other senior game, New Era defeated University of Makati, 94-88, to stay in fourth place with a 4-3 record, behind only to third placer STI which is at 4-2.

Diaz finished with 23 points, while Songco wound up with 20 points and eight rebounds to go with Ken Rivera's 16 points and four assists.

Albert Wong led the Olympians with 18 points and 12 rebounds but he sorely missed the support of his teammates in the payoff period which they even entered carrying an eight-point lead.

"So far, so good. We can't wait to face UM and gauge our newfound strength against the holders of the longest winning streak in local collegiate history," said Adalem.

They will certainly be put to the test against the Hawks who devastated the Eagles all game long with heavy firepower coming from Ryan Regalado, Richard Litonjua, Gener Bernados and Pol Santiago.


ALESSANDRA Madrigal (left with red race suit) starts making her move at the green signal in the final race in the fifth leg of the 2005 Shell Karting Series at the Enchanted Kingdom.

Alessandra posts impressive debut in KT100 superkarting

PHILIPPINE karting princess Alessandra Madrigal beat male rivals much older than her to emerge runner-up in the KT 100 class last Sunday in the fifth leg of the 2005 Shell Superkarting Series at the Enchanted Kingdom Kart Track in Sta. Rosa, Laguna.

The lead driver of Alessandra Racing Team, with the support of ING Private Banking, Puma and Globe Gizmo together with cosponsors Dickies, Petron Ultron, Nissan Gallery and Ford Global City, displayed grit and determination on a rain drenched track to wrap up a second place finish in the 22-lap race in 14:03.992 minutes.

Seasoned by her races in other Southeast Asian countries in the Cadet 85 class this year, Alessandra stunned the eight-man field on her race debut in the KT 100 class when she submitted a fast time of 31.519 seconds during time trials and posted a better time of 31.428 seconds on the second qualifying run last Saturday to clinch pole position in the first heat.

Rainwater caused Madrigal's engine to sputter briefly at the start of the first heat, relegating herself at the tail and eighth slot. However, the crowd favorite redeemed herself by passing one driver after another with precision driving on the slippery track, to snatch the number two spot by the second heat. She also placed second in heat 2.

The third lap of the final heat saw Alessandra losing second spot to Ferdinand Reyes who she persistently challenged until she regained the number two slot with 12 laps to go. The checkered flag had her finishing second to Paolo Eslao who notched his fifth consecutive triumph in the KT 100 class this year. Jeff Reyes ended third in the KT 100 class while Ferdinand Reyes and Mars de los Reyes wound up fourth and fifth, respectively.

Jao bids for ninth race title

DEFENDING champion Jolet Jao of Shell Advance-Kawasaki hopes to bolster his bid for a ninth crown today in the fourth leg of the 2005 Shell Advance Superbikes Series at the Batangas Racing Circuit in Barangay Maligaya, Rosario, Batangas.

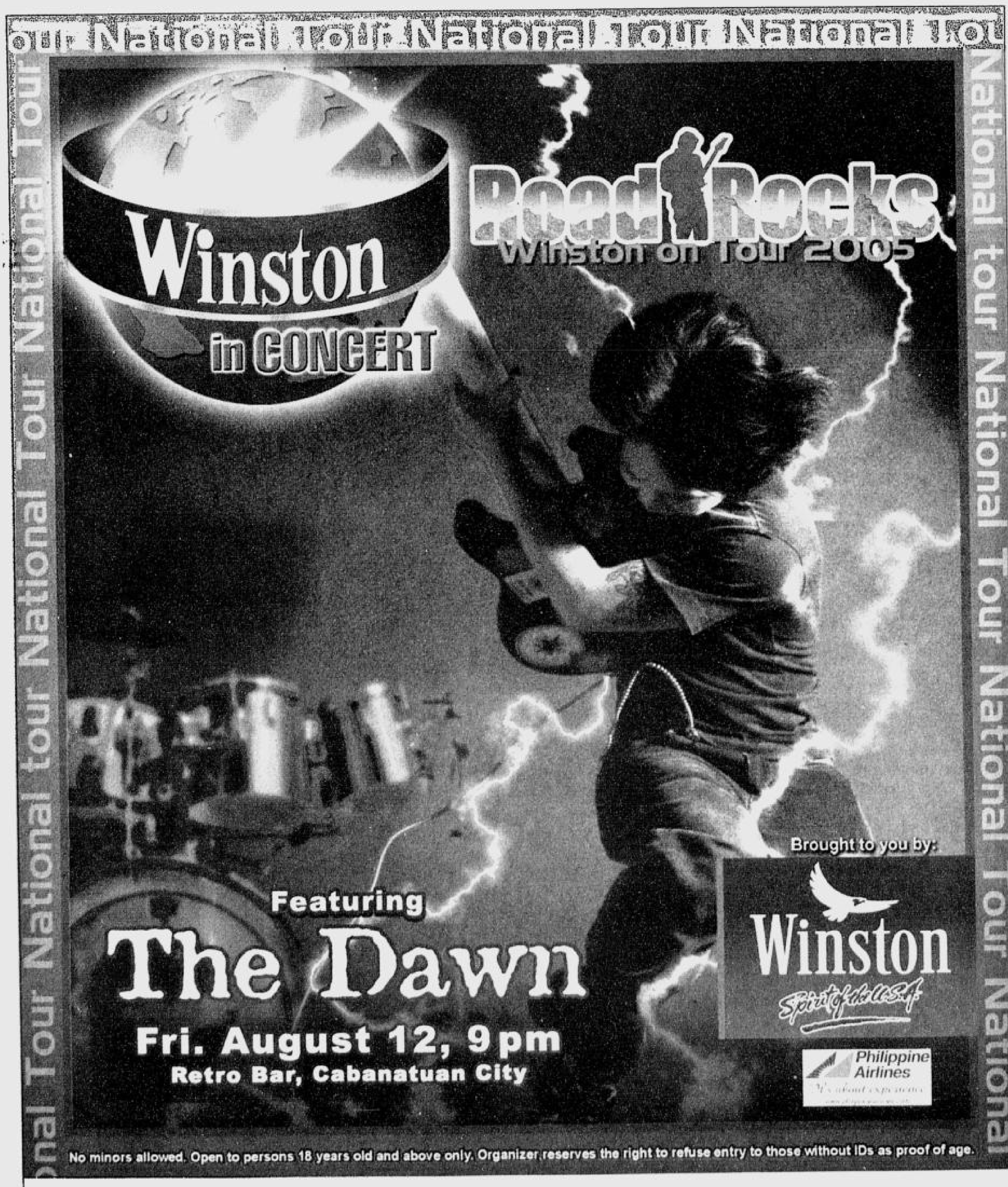
Bogged by stomach upset, Jao failed to continue his winning streak and ended up sharing last leg honors with Benjo Mendoza of Speedeffex in this series sanctioned by the National Motorcycle Sports and Safety Association (Namssa) and sponsored by Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp., Aeromed, Kilton Motors, Denso and MOF Company.

He still leads the title race with an accumulated total of 145 points but that isn't safe enough as Mendoza is in close second with 114.

But the expected heavy rains could change the scenario. Mendoza gained the momentum with his win in the last leg and Jao hopes his strategy works well for a smooth-free run.

"Anything can happen on a wet race, *tapos gumagaling pa ang mga kalaban*," said Jao. "Confidence is not enough, you got to have strategy and do what the situation calls for."

Joining them are Roderick Chua who's currently third with 91 points, Randy Ortiz (82), Philip Alvendia (46), Wacky del Rosario (41), Julian Goitia (34) and Simon Salenda.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LPC stagfest screening

COCKERS and breeders who wish to join the "Annual Las Piñas 6-Stag Derby" on Aug. 25 and 27 at Las Piñas Coliseum may field stags with wingbands from accredited cockers and breeders organizations. The accredited groups are NCA, GCAP, GF-BAN, NGBA, LGBA, BCAP, UGBA, Pagba, KGBA and CGVBA. Weight limits are from 1.75 kg to 2.2 kg. Independent breeders may bring their stags for screening every Saturday and Sunday at LPC office, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For details, contact 873-1040, 874-3910 and 0926-7450375 (look for Gerry or Julius). With former Mayor Nene Aguilar as host and Sagupaan Complexor 3000 as sponsor, the stagfest is the first event of this year's stagfighting season. At stake is P1 million and one refrigerator for each champion. Meanwhile, the third "Pamigay Premyo 3-Cock Derby" unfolds tomorrow. Entry fee is P4,400. The first 20 winners in Las Piñas Coliseum's hackfights from Monday to Friday will get a bonus of P1,000 each, said coliseum manager Alex Tobias.

Pasay cockfest today

THE PASAY City Cockpit, considered the busiest cockfighting center in Metro Manila, presents more than 50 fights in tonight's special 3-cock derby with Sagupaan Complexor 3000 as sponsor. Dangling a cash prize of P150,000, the derby will be hosted by Cito Manansala and Gerry Maningas. Meanwhile, Pasay Cockpit's regular 2-cock ulutan resumes on Sunday, where the first 10 champions are set to receive P10,000 each; 11th to 20th champions, P8,000 each and the rest, P7,000 each. The Fastest Win One-Cock is scheduled every Wednesday, with P150,000 in prizes regardless of the actual number of entries. Registration fee is P1,100. Slated every Monday and Tuesday is the regular hackfight where each winner gets P1,000. For inquiries, call 843-1890; 843-1746 and 816-6750.

Halikinu Radio guests

LIVE on Halikinu Radio today are ace playmaker LA Tenorio and sharpshooter Magnum Membrere. They will talk about Ateneo's performance in the UAAP Men's basketball tournament. Halikinu Radio, hosted by Mico Halili, airs every Friday 9-10 p.m. on NU 107 and is co-presented by Smart Buddy Prepaid, PLDT MyDSL and Addict Mobile Prepaid.

Notre Dame prevails

NOTRE Dame relied on Angelo Aviso's firepower to escape with a 46-45 victory over Jose Abad Santos Memorial School in the Milo BEST Small Basketeers Philippines/Passerelle tournament recently at the Xavier gym. Aviso tallied a game-high 22 points to give Notre Dame its third win in six games in Group A of the SBP division.San Beda thrashed Trinity College, 106-10, for its fifth straight SBP triumph. In other SBP games, Marist downed Notre Dame, 55-47; Lourdes School (QC) whipped Jose Rizal U, 47-32; La Salle Greenhills beat Xavier School, 55-48, and Lourdes School (Mandaluyong) ripped St. Mary's College, 45-29.

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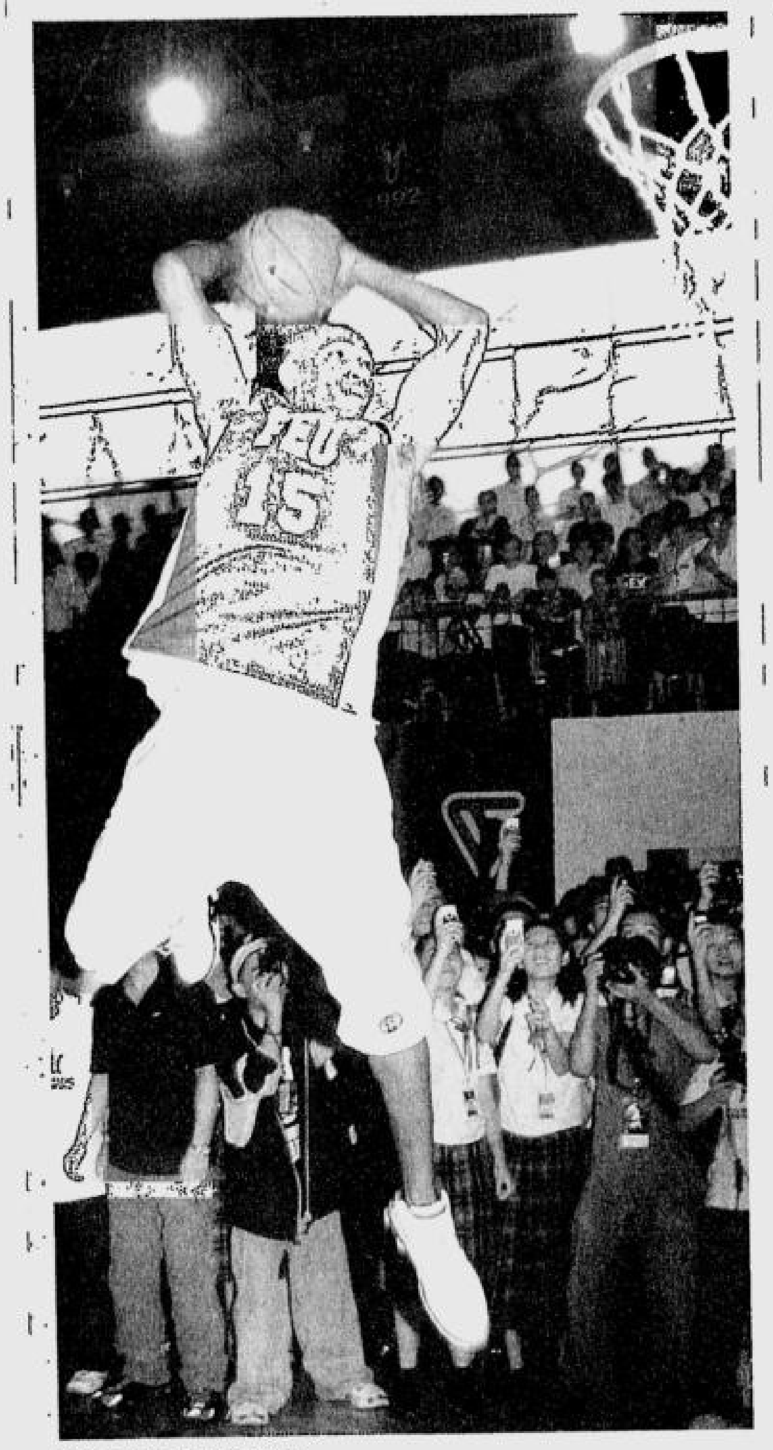


NBA SUPERSTAR
New Jersey Nets' Vince Carter shows his high-flying acts at the FEU Gym during his Nike goodwill visit to the Philippines yesterday.
ERIK ARAZAS

A SELECTION of NBC (National Basketball Conference) players will see action in the 9th Crown Prince Cup invitational tournament set Aug. 26-30 in Haad Yai City, Thailand.

The core of the team will come from defending champion Tribu Sugbu and Hapee/Dewfoam-backed Mantawi.

Spring Cooking Oil-backed Laguna Spring actually got the invitation from the Haad Yai City Basketball Club but NBC president and Laguna team co-owner Nathaniel "Tac" Padilla decided to field a selection of the best NBC players.

Coaches Al Solis of Tribu and Jun Noel of Mantawi will handle the team with Laguna mentor Vic "Rambo" Sanchez as their assistant.

In a meeting with NBC secretary general Tito Palma, Tribu team owners Lito Gillamac and Mario King and Mantawi team management's Jack Huang and Dewey Chuachuy Jr. accepted Padilla's offer to form the team.

The NBC five will be pitted against teams from Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and South Korea.

Port Masters still keen on joining PBA in 2006

By June Navarro

ROMERO
PDI PHOTO

TALKS between Harbour Centre and Shell may have bogged down but it doesn't mean the Port Masters will be out of the Philippine Basketball Association for good.

Weeks after the Port Masters failed to clinch a deal to acquire Shell's franchise, Harbour Centre owner Mikee Romero openly declared his intention to make it to the pro league next season.

"There are some things that need to be ironed out," said Romero. "But for sure, we're going to exert all effort to make it to the PBA next year."

Romero said he plans to ask for a couple of concessions when the Port Masters join the PBA, foremost of which is to elevate some of his amateur players to the pro league.

Harbour Centre tried to secure the Shell franchise before the Turbo Chargers disbanded but negotiations proved futile.

"We were really close to forging the deal," said the 35-year-old Romero. "But one thing led to another and I guess it just wasn't meant to be."

Harbour Centre could have obtained the rights to several certified stars had the negotiations succeeded.

As a result, Shell traded Rich Alvarez and Tony dela Cruz to Alaska, Kalani Ferreria and Ervin Sotto to Ginebra, Billy Mamaril to Coca-Cola, Ronald Tubid to FedEx, Chris Calaguio to San Miguel Beer and Roger Yap to Purefoods.

Romero said Gabby Espinas, Mark Cardona, LA Tenorio and a Fil-Am player he refused to identify were among the amateur players the Port Masters planned to elevate to the pro ranks.

"It could have been a competitive team. It could give the other squads a run for their money," he said.

If Shell opts not to return after a year, the team's franchise will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. When that time comes, Romero feels he has a good shot at snaring it.

"Of course, there are other prospective buyers out there. But I'm crossing my fingers and hoping for the best," he said.

Sportshouse sets 3-day sale of top brands, sports clinics

SPORSTHOUSE, the country's leading sports and lifestyle store chain, is launching the grandest sporting event cum sale of name brands at the Market Market at the Fort in Taguig from Aug. 18-20.

This was announced by Roy Ordiales, marketing manager of Sportshouse, which has more than 30 outlets serving the public in the entire archipelago.

Dubbed "Sporstacle," the three-day affair will feature several sports disciplines and around 30 booths of the biggest brands at discounted prices.

Popular brands such as Carlton, Dunlop, Molten, Mikasa, Canguro, Axis, TimeWorks-FX, AB King Pro and sports experts in basketball, badminton, taekwondo, tennis, aerobics, darts and a lot more have partnered with Sportshouse, the Outstanding Filipino Retailer of the Year awardee of DTI and PRA, to give consumers a one of a kind event.

"People can expect to learn from demos/clinics of their favorite sports while shopping for the latest bargains of their choice brands," said Ordiales.

PBA players and other sports celebrities have been invited to add glitter to the event backed by Dunlop, Quantum-Global, Philippine Star, 105.1 and the Manila Bulletin.

Go gains taekwondo final

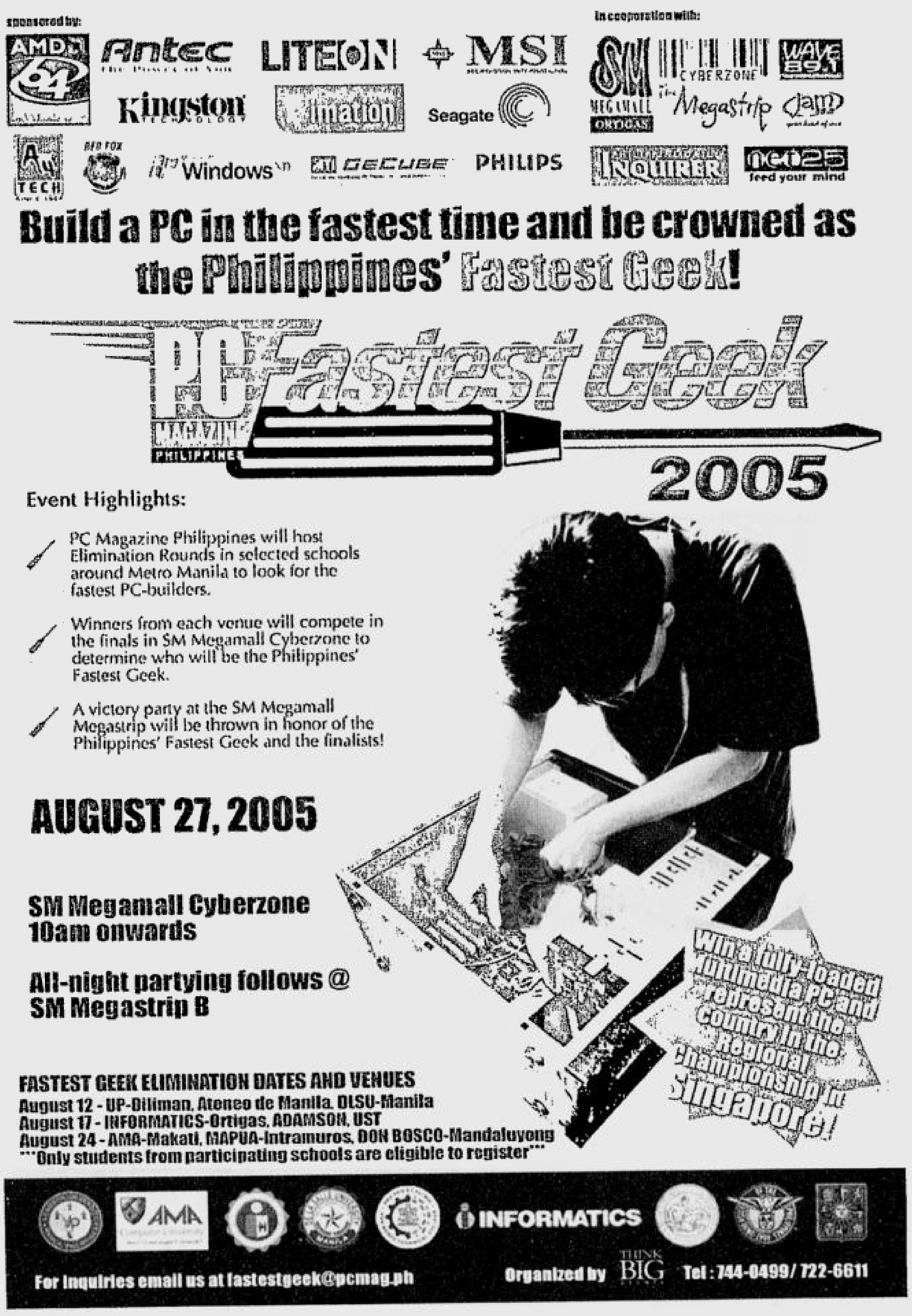
OLYMPIAN Tshomlee Go survived a big scare from Jose Emmanuel Enriquez and needed to go through sudden death to prevail and crash into the final of the flyweight category in the fourth Samsung Best of the Best National Taekwondo Championships at the Glorietta Activity Center in Makati City yesterday.

The 21-year-old Go, the first Filipino athlete to earn a spot in the 2004 Athens Olympics after winning a bronze medal in the pre-Olympic qualifier in Paris in 2003, won the opener of their 3-round semis duel, but fell, 1-2, in the next then rallied in the third, 2-1, to force a 3-3 tie.

Go then used his experience in sudden death to foil the San Beda bet's upset bid and reach the final of the 54- to 58-kg division against FEU's Romelle Roa, who nipped teammate Jarneth Mojica, 2-1, in their own side of the semis clash in the tournament sponsored by top electronics firm Samsung for the fourth straight year.

Also advancing to the finals of the seniors' division was John Paul Lizardo, who dished out a near-flawless performance to overwhelm Jurie Bernardino, 4-0, and arrange a showdown with UE's Mark Anthony Carmona for the finweight gold.

Lizardo, the 19-year-old Sports Studies junior at De La Salle, was held to a 1-1 score by the UST bet in the first round but took a 1-0 win in the second and then sustained the momentum to close out the three-round clash with a 2-1 victory. Lizardo won, 4-0, after deductions on Bernardino.



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SEAG buildup on time—Obet

PREPARATIONS for the coming Southeast Asian Games are progressing well and proof of these were the encouraging praises the organizers received from visiting Malaysian and Singapore sports authorities recently.

Unfortunately, we Filipinos are pulling each other down to get things done.

This, in a nutshell, was how Roberto M. Pagdanganan, chair of the Philippine Southeast Asian Games Organizing Committee, described the recent developments that have prompted him to call a Philsoc board meeting on Monday.

In a move designed to boost the SEAG buildup, President Macapagal-Arroyo appointed Philippine Olympic Committee president Peping Cojuangco as Philsoc chief executive officer and Philippine Sports Commission chair Butch Ramirez as Philsoc chief operating officer.

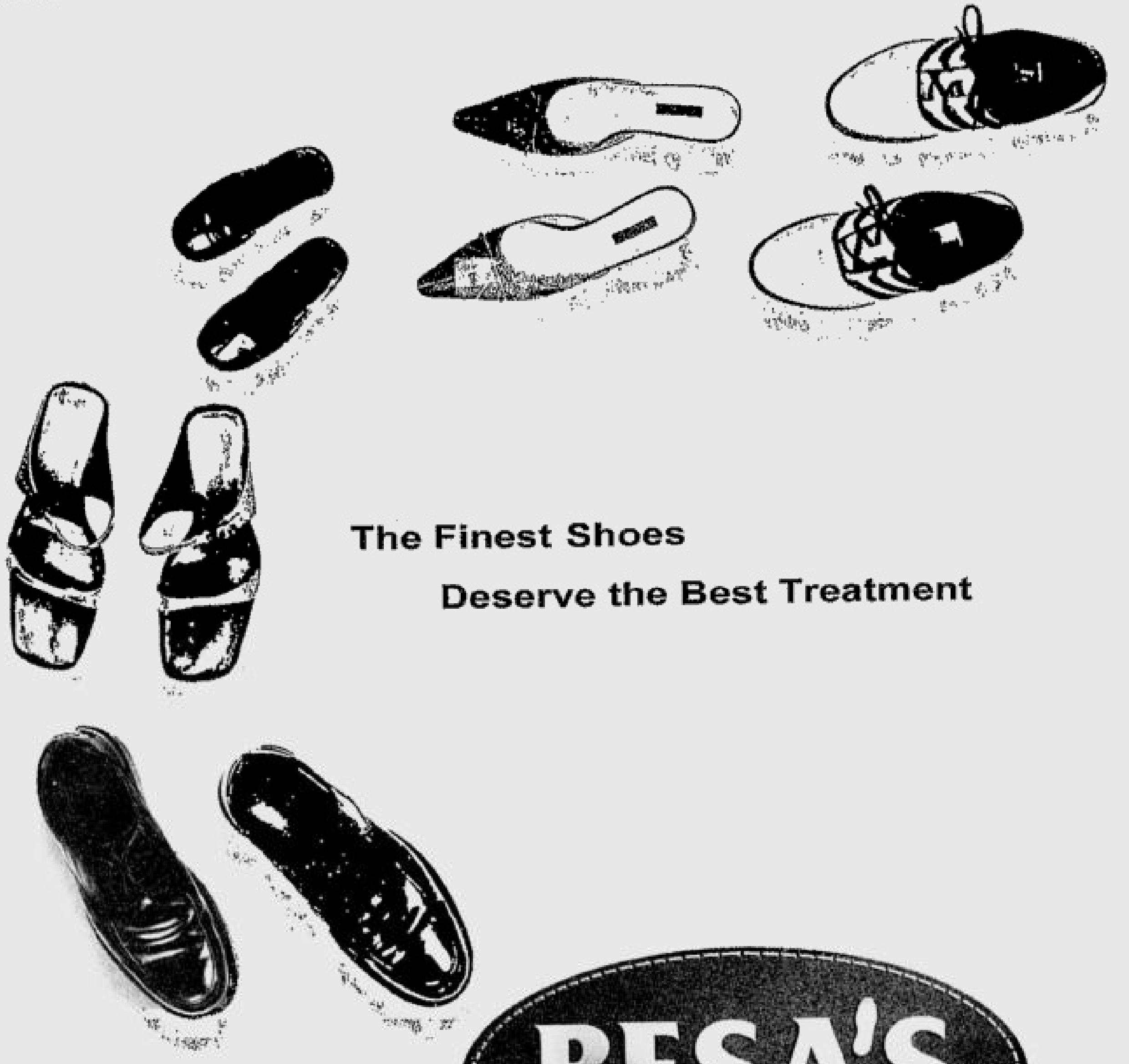
"Three months delayed in our preparations? How were we able to achieve a lot of things by collective spadework? Efforts are a continuing work in progress, and things are moving forward," Pagdanganan said in a press statement yesterday.

Pagdanganan said he was drawing strength from the President's reaffirmed confidence, further bolstered by the favorable comments by recent Southeast Asian visitors on the level and quality of preparations made.

"We should be inspired by Low Beng Coo, the vice president of the Malaysian Olympic Council, who expressed satisfaction with what have been done, remarking that 'sports, particularly in difficult times, could help unify the nation.'"

"We don't need luxurious venues, we have to go back to the basics to foster the spirit, cooperation and virtue of the Games," Low had commented.

In his assessment, Pagdanganan said that four months before the Games' kickoff, the venues for all 41 sports, except for three or four events, have already been chosen and are undergoing varied stages of improvement to keep them at par with international standards.



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No sugar-coating for Gary V

JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

Mr. Pure Energy dishes out a mouthful on his kids, copycats, and the perils of diabetes

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

HIS wife and manager, Angeli Pangilinan-Valenciano, describes Gary V's latest diabetic attack as "the worst in two decades."

To make matters scarier, it happened while they were away from home (in the thick of the ABS-CBN "Kapamilya Summer Caravan" in California last month).

Undoubtedly, such a life-threatening crisis helps put things in perspective.

Then again, Gary V has always been the reflective sort.

Especially since he is launching two landmark projects—"Pure Heart," his first CD under Star Records and "Symphony of the Heart," his first concert with the 64-piece San Miguel Philharmonic Orchestra and Ryan Cayabyab (Sept. 2 at the Araneta Coliseum).

These days, Mr. Pure Energy is at his most, well, heartfelt.

How do you feel when you watch your sons Paolo and Gabriel and

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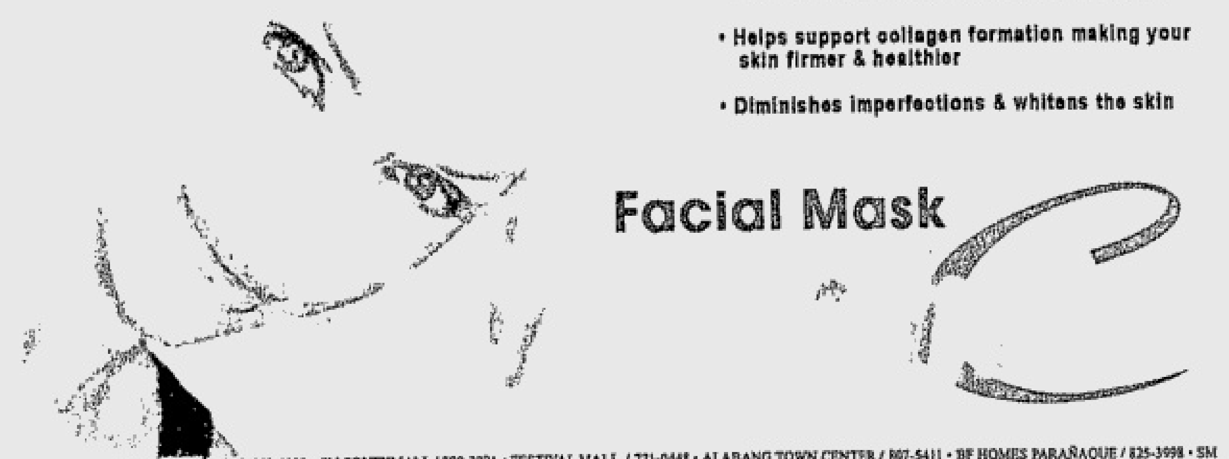

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ONLY Levi's has the most stylish low-cut jeans she has seen, says Anna.

SHE first saw this Anne Klein necklace on American singer Joss Stone.

BOOTS are Anna's weakness, especially this four-inch high Kenneth Coles.

FOR a come-here-boys look, she goes for halter and chemise tops.

AMERICAN Idol finalist Vonzell Solomon inspired her to buy these shorts from Mango.

Anna Fegi, shoe lass

OUT OF THE CLOSET

By Marinel R. Cruz
Photos by Jim Guiao Punzalan

I WAS content living in a small condo unit until I [acquired] so many shoes, they were no longer comfortable in the small corner where I kept them. *Kawawa naman sila*. I had to move to a bigger place."

That was singer Anna Fegi, who recently left her two-bedroom pad for a two-story town house in Mandaluyong City just so she could have more space for her footwear.

"I liked this place immediately," Anna said of her new home. "I knew at once where I'd put my shoes. Storage was a big factor in my choice."

Now the shoes are neatly arranged on plastic racks. Back in the smaller pad, the shoes were in a cabinet, in boxes placed on top of one another.

"I've been collecting shoes since I started singing. I feel pretty when I wear good shoes," Anna explained. "Recently, my best friend counted them—over 120 pairs."

When INQUIRER Entertainment visited, she not only eagerly showed us racks of high-heeled sandals, leather boots and flats; she also gave us tips on buying shoes.

"You should try them on. Make sure you're comfortable wearing them. The last thing you should consider is the price. This pair of red flats caused me so much trouble. I wore it to a dance party. For days after that, my feet were black and blue.

"Rubber shoes should have allowance for when you have to wear socks. But be sure they're not too loose. I wore a loose-fitting pair once and my big toe died. *Tumatama kasi sa* rubber insole."

SHOES

"I've been using that pair (points to silver high-heeled sandals with transparent straps from XTC) these past few days. I can wear them with any gown. I also own a pair of XTC transparent wedges.

"I love stilettos, too, especially this four-inch brown strappy pair from Janylyn. The higher the heels, the more beautiful I feel. I like looking tall. I'm only 5-foot-2.

"This silver-gray pair is my first-ever pair of high-heeled sandals. I got it from Cinderella. I first used this when I performed at the Calesa Bar, where my singing career started. But even now that I have a lot of shoes, I still can't let go of it.

"I own a couple of pairs from Nine West. I love the designs. I don't like the price, though. *Ang mahal!* I bought this beaded silver pair in Singapore for more than $100. I think Vina (Morales) owns a pair, too. After a few months, I saw fakes all over. *Ganyang-ganyan, pare!* I felt sooo bad.

"I feel guilty when I buy shoes that, to me, are too expensive—like this beaded silver pair from Beverly Hills. It cost $130.

"I don't feel sexy in flat shoes, although I have a couple of pairs. I wear them only to the grocery or when I do heavy shopping.

"Boots are my weakness. My favorite pair is from Kenneth Cole—leather but very comfortable, four inches high but I can run in them. Actually, I can run even with stilettos.

"Rubber shoes for me are just for going to the gym or for playing basketball. My current favorite is this limited edition pink pair from Lacoste. Very comfy, as if I'm not wearing anything."

IN Seventh Heaven with her pet Pooh Bear, and in her Nine West high-risers

THIS was why she needed a bigger place.

FUNKY shades from Prada, Dolce & Gabbana and Chanel

JEANS

"I love the fit of Levi's jeans. Also, they have the most stylish low-cut jeans I've seen. I have one pair that's so low that, when I bend, my butt crack shows. My band mates, who are always behind me when we perform, used to tease me whenever I take a bow—they'd whistle.

"I used to like Guess jeans. They complement my big thighs. In Guess, I'm a size 26."

SHORTS

"These days, I'm into wearing knee-length shorts, some of which I bought from Mango and from Rustan's. I also bought a few from a store in Greenhills. I use them even for my gigs. They complement m y legs and hide the fact that I have big thighs. Normally, I wear them with tank tops. Sexy.

"I started liking these shorts when I saw Vonzell (Solomon) wear them on 'American Idol.' She wore boots with the shorts. *Ang ganda tingnan!*"

TOPS

"I'm a moody dresser. If I want a corporate look, I wear polos and long-sleeved shirts with boots, pumps and loafers. But for a come-here-boys look, I go for halter and chemise tops.

"When I like a particular design, I buy all the colors available. I always have difficulty choosing (shows lingerie tops from Mango in pink, yellow, black and green). I also buy clothes of the same fabric but of different designs.

"I'm more comfortable when my shoulders are bare. I like tanks, tube tops and off-shoulder types. I'm into backless blouses. That's the way to go, show some skin when you can't show cleavage (laughs)."

DRESSES

"I ask *Tita* Fanny (Serrano) to make gowns for me. I sometimes need them for corporate shows. I also look for dresses whenever I shop in the States. What's good about shopping abroad is that you won't see people here wearing the same clothes."

ACCESSORIES

"I love this necklace from Anne Klein. I nearly died when I found out how much it cost. I always wear this even if people say it doesn't match my outfit. I've been looking for this since I saw Joss Stone wearing it in one of her shows.

"I'm into earrings. This group of young designers from Mobo Fashion has been helping me. Iya Villania gets earrings from them, too. They're from Cebu. The earrings are made from beads and precious stones, and come in many funky designs."

OFF-shoulder and backless blouses are the best bets, she says, if you can't show cleavage but want to show some skin.

DRESSES are best bought abroad—so you don't see people wearing the same outfits here.

ANNA still keeps her first-ever pair of high-heeled sandals even now that she has 120 pairs of footwear.

'Great Raid' co-stars, director and producer praise Cesar Montano

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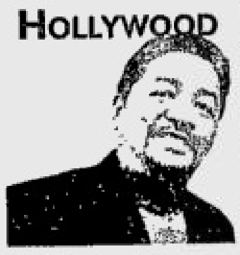

Ruben V. Nepales

LOS ANGELES—We've read Cesar Montano's interesting accounts of his experience while filming "The Great Raid."

Last Monday, I grabbed the chance to get a different perspective: I asked Cesar's "Raid" co-stars, director and producer to talk about him, for a change. In our separate press cons with Joseph Fiennes and Connie Nielsen and later, lunch talks with director John Dahl and producer Marty Katz, I asked (and asked some more) about Cesar, Filipino-Australian actress Natalie Mendoza and Paolo Montalban, who are also in the movie, and other Philippines-specific topics.

I would have preferred to see Cesar himself sitting there at Four Seasons and making history as the first Filipino actor interviewed by our press group (that will be the day!). In the meantime, I did the next best thing and peppered the morning's subjects with questions about the Boholano actor.

Benjamin Bratt and James Franco were tied up elsewhere and could not join us.

Joseph's large brown eyes (appearing yellow-green up close, by a window bathed in morning sunlight) and long eyelashes are as remarkable in person as they are onscreen. Connie is a statuesque stunner. In researching her role as a foreigner helping the Manila underground movement, she learned, and is still appalled, by the Japanese army's use of Filipino and Korean women as sex slaves.

John is a serious, reflective man who chooses his words carefully while Marty, in a Hawaiian shirt, is a true-blue producer—he is assertive. Marty surprised me by telling me that Susan Barlin, a realtor and a Fil-Am community leader, is his sister-in-law. "That's partly why I'm close to Filipinos," he told me as a parting shot.

Below are excerpts of my not-as-usual Hollywood interviews:

On Cesar

Joseph: He's a wonderful actor. He really became like a brother to me while we were filming. Cesar truly evokes all the heroic qualities and sentiments of the Filipino resistance during that war. He's a warm and generous spirit.

I saw the warmth and generosity among the Filipino actors—Cesar and the whole group. They kept telling me, 'You've got to come to the Philippines, man.' I'd love to go as Cesar's guest because I know he would look after me.

Connie: I just had a meet and greet with Cesar at a dinner toward the end of shooting. But I can tell you that he is a cool guy. He is very…hot, actually.

John: When we were looking for an actor to play the lead part of Captain Pajota, we got Cesar's film—I am trying to think of that movie he did where he was on a ship, like a fishing vessel—I thought he was fantastic in that movie ("Muro-Ami"—Ed). I sent parts of the film to Miramax. We brought him over from Manila and met him. I thought he was terrific for the part.

Marty: He is, as you know, a bigger star in the Philippines than he is here now, but he will be a star here—although it all depends on his first opportunity here. That first part is crucial. He has an option with Miramax for two more pictures. Hopefully we will find it for him. He is a real talent.

On Natalie

Joseph: As an actress, Natalie is luminous, formidable and incredibly talented. On film, she comes across in a beautiful way. She is also a wonderful singer. (When I asked this brother of Ralph Fiennes to confirm reports that he dated Natalie, he laughed and said, "I won't answer that.")

Connie: Natalie is an amazing young woman. She is Filipina but she grew up in Australia and is now working and studying in London. We became very good friends while working on the movie.

John: In casting for this movie, I found that a lot of Filipino actors and actresses did musical theater. We liked Natalie the best. The only problem was, we had to try to get her to speak Tagalog.

MARTY Katz is a true-blue producer.

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CONNIE Nielsen, ever the statuesque stunner

JOSEPH Fiennes—oh, those remarkable brown eyes!

DIRECTOR John Dahl fought for a Pinoy Pajota.

On Paolo

John: We liked Paolo and wanted to use him as one of the Alamo scouts. It was a small role, but he wanted to be in the movie.

Connie Nielsen on the Manila underground: There were a lot of amazingly brave people, both men and women who worked in the underground. I learned how much the underground and guerilla forces played a big part in the liberation of the Philippines.

John Dahl, solo

On his father serving in the Philippines: My father ended up joining the service like a lot of guys did during his time. He will be 82 in September. He landed in Luzon and he was with this unit that went through the mountains with a couple of infantry riflemen. He has seen the movie. For 60 years, he hadn't spoken to anybody from his unit. As a result of my working on this movie, he thought he should try to find one of his friends. That friend visited him last year in Montana. A couple of weeks ago, he went to South Carolina and, for the first time since the war, he spent more time with the guys from his unit.

On changes he made to address the apprehension that the movie would downplay the Filipinos' role in the rescue of over 500 American POWs: In the original script, Captain Pajota was American. I had to convince Miramax to make [the character] a Filipino. Also, when I started reading about the Filipino resistance, I realized that many of them were leading citizens of Manila, wealthy people who had a lot to lose. I thought it was a much more interesting story. I would have liked to see more of that, but there is only so much that you can squeeze into a movie."

On the film's premiere in Washington, DC and some Filipino vets' reaction: A few days before the premiere, I met these two men in Chicago. This guy in his 80s was crying by the end of the film. I turned around when the movie was over and there was another 87-year-old survivor of the Bataan death march, a Filipino. He was one of the first Filipinos that I had met who survived that march. It was an extremely emotional story for him. It has always been great screening the movie for veteran groups and survivors because it is a very powerful story for them.

So ultimately, going to Washington, DC for the premiere and having a four-star general introduce the movie and having two senators, Hillary Clinton and John McCain, make you realize that it has been a privilege to work on something that is so much larger than the movie business. You realize how many people's lives have been affected by this event. And to go to the World War II museum and see that Cabanatuan and Bataan etched in marble, that is pretty powerful.

Marty Katz's turn

On whether Japanese moviegoers will see the film soon: Japan is probably the last place where the movie will be released. But it will be released there eventually. The plan is to show the movie in other parts of the world and then ultimately, based on recognition from other parts of the world, bring the movie to Japan. It would be hard for me to imagine that Japan would jump right up and embrace this movie.

When we were [shooting in Australia], a lot of the kids we hired to play Japanese soldiers were on surfing holidays. We gave them materials translated from our history books into Japanese because they knew nothing of the story. Japan is a place that needs to see this movie.

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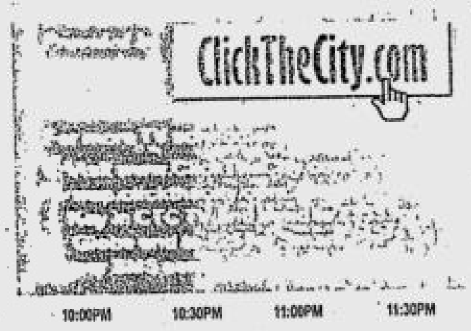

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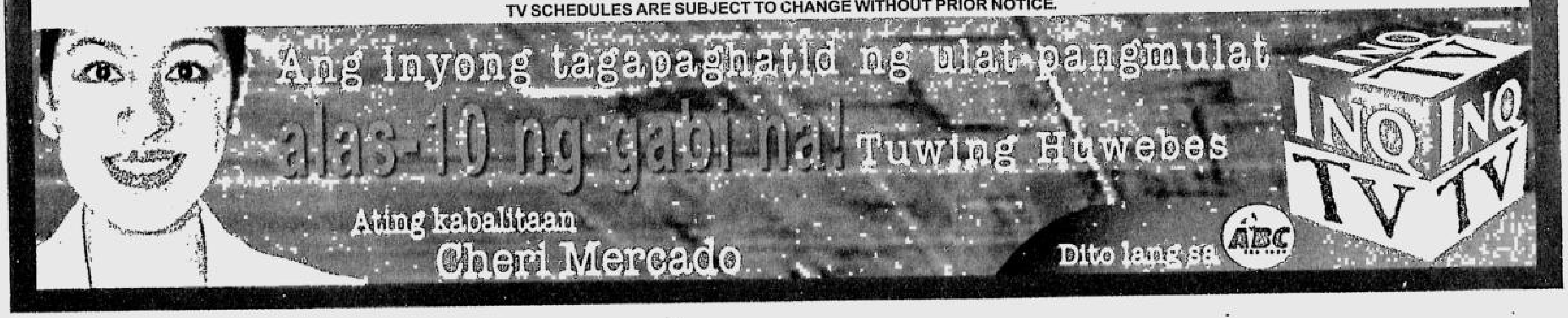
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12 strangers, 1 house, 100 days

'Pinoy Big Brother' is the ultimate reality show in local TV history

By Nini Valera

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Twelve strangers living in one house, sharing two bedrooms and one bathroom for a hundred days.

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Welcome to the ultimate reality show in local TV history, ABS-CBN's "Pinoy Big Brother."

"This will test the true Pinoy character," said Director Lauren Dyogi during a press conference last Monday.

Dyogi explained the concept of the show ("Big Brother" runs in 30 other countries). The Pinoy version would bring together 12 contestants—six males and six females—to live together in a house with no telephone, television, computer, newspapers. And no visitors. Coming from different social backgrounds, the housemates are expected to get along with each other, no matter what. Hundreds of people auditioned for the 12 slots, Dyogi said.

"We did not choose based on looks," he said. who we felt would be int ferent."

The difference in pe pected to intensify con participants and make case studies in group dy also result in twists and soaps.

"For example," Dyogi have a smoker in the non-smokers deal with on camera."

Same goes for eating ans will just have to b meat cooking.

As for the contestant ences, Dyogi noted, "We nate."

At every day's end, pays a visit to the co where "Big Brother" w

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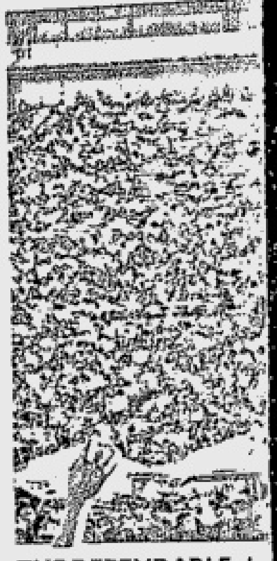
HOSTS Mariel Rodriguez, Willie Revillame and Toni Gonzaga. Producers sa "create stars out of real people."



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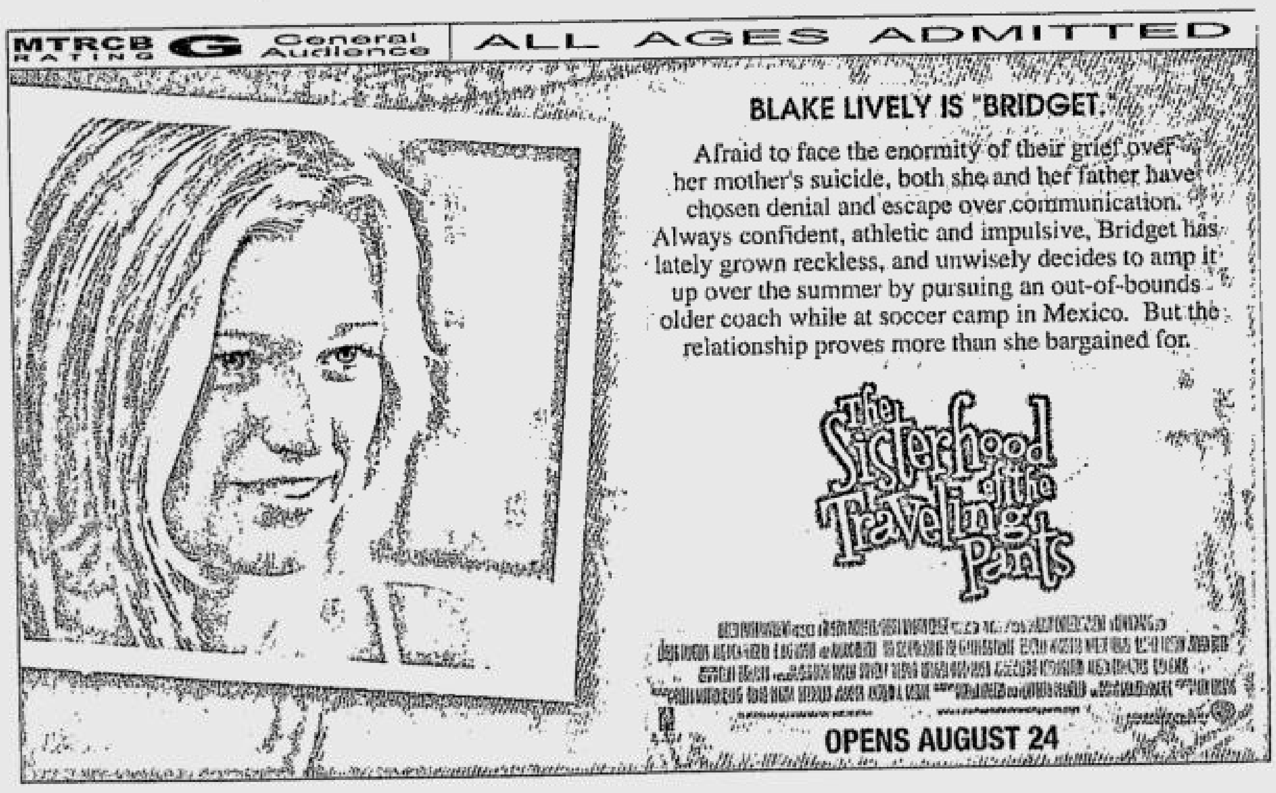

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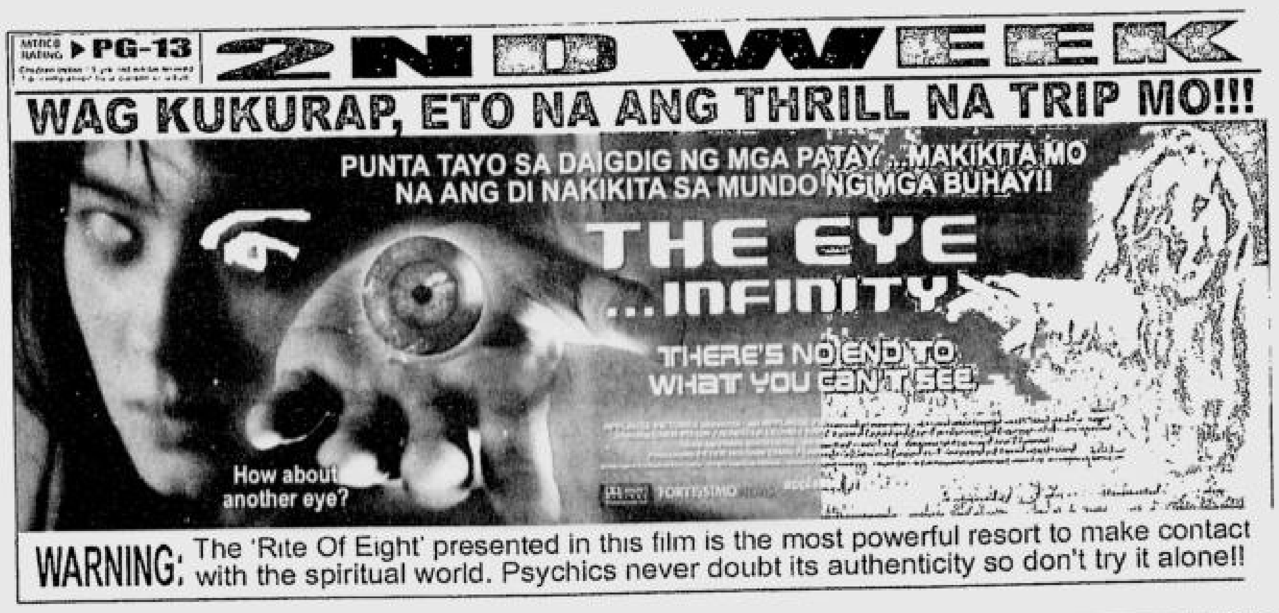

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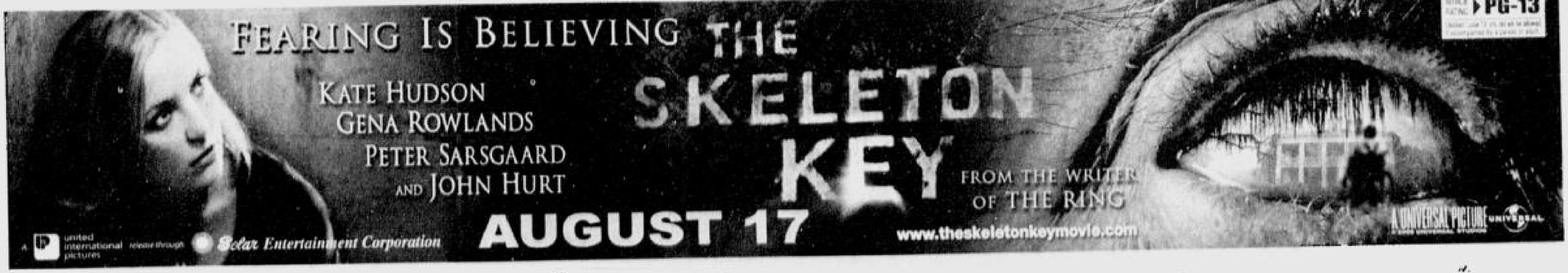

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complaints and frustrations. This will later assist viewers in making up their minds as to which of the housemates should remain. The contestants themselves will nominate two for expulsion, and the viewers will choose between the two.

The one who doesn't get eliminated after 100 days wins the prizes.

By throwing together 12 people from disparate backgrounds, "Big Brother" has become a soap opera without a script, featuring real people, according to Ed Sharples, managing director for South East Asia, of Edemol Productions, which originated the show in the Netherlands.

The participants' interactions, no matter how intimate or gross, will be caught on camera. The video will be shown live over the Internet, but will be edited daily for telecast the following day and three recaps.

Dyogi assured the entertainment writers that scenes depicting intimacy or violence would be aired only if they pass criteria set by the Movie Review and Television Ratings Board.

"Even for showing on the Internet," he said, "we have a panic button that we would push to block out such scenes."

The show would create stars out of real people, Sharples promised. "It's a wonderful show to work on," he said.

In other markets, viewership of "Big Brother" has surpassed that of news, even of political events, according to Sharples. "My favorite statistic is how much more people voted in 'Big Brother' (in Britain) than for Tony Blair during the elections," said Sharples.

A promotional video showed South African leader Nelson Mandela paying a visit to the set of that country's "Big Brother."

"Pinoy Big Brother," to be hosted by Toni Gonzaga, Mariel Rodriguez and Willie Revillame, will have a three-part prime time launch on Aug. 13, 20 and 21.

wman the day before his last attack in Pasadena,
in San Francisco, he was onstage again running on his
JANET R. NEPALES

No sugar-coating . . .

From page A2-1

daughter Keanna perform?

Like a stage father. I would often rush backstage and give them tips. But I am very proud of them. It's not easy being the child of a celebrity. There's so much expectation.

What do you advise them?

That they have their own wings. I say, "Dance your own way. Sing your own way. Don't worry about me."

Have they opened up to you about this?

Yah. It's not easy. There's much pressure, especially on Paolo because he doesn't really dance. But he moves to a different beat. His alternative rock band Salamin is doing quite well!

Can we talk about your recent health scare?

Well, it was the most recent and the worst. It was a close call. I don't mind talking about it because I know there are many families who are coping with diabetes. A person may or may not survive [an attack]. And if he pulls through, he may not survive it intact. There may be some brain damage. Or he may fall into a coma. I was a hairline away from that.

Now?

I'm fine.

What can you say to diabetics and their families?

To be extra careful when traveling to other time zones. That was what happened to me: I took my insulin on an empty stomach. And I fell asleep because of jet lag. Since I didn't eat, there was nothing to balance the insulin.

What can you say about Gary V clones?

If a newcomer is eyeing a career, he should find his own voice. When I started, I liked Michael Jackson and Al Jarreau. But I evolved.

If "Symphony of the Heart" is your dream concert, what's the concept of your dream album?

Oh, wow! There are several. One is a children's album.

Someone told me there's never been a generation as physically prepared and as mentally alert as today's youth, and yet they're also the most emotionally scarred. That's why a lot of them take up dance, music, the arts, to hide all the pain. They let it all out through music.

Why did Kris drop charges?

KRIS Aquino on Monday dropped the P80-million libel suit she filed last year against two TV executives because "she wanted all her problems solved before she gets married," said GMA 7 corporate relations OIC Butch Raquel, one of the defendants.

Aquino's wedding to cager James Yap is tentatively set in February 2006.

One of Aquino's conditions for the withdrawal, Raquel told INQUIRER, was a written apology for offending statements against her allegedly fed by GMA 7 to tabloids.

The apology stated: "We wish to sincerely apologize for any injury that may have been inflicted on your person and your integrity... We assure you that we did not have the intention to ridicule and embarrass you." *Marinel R. Cruz*

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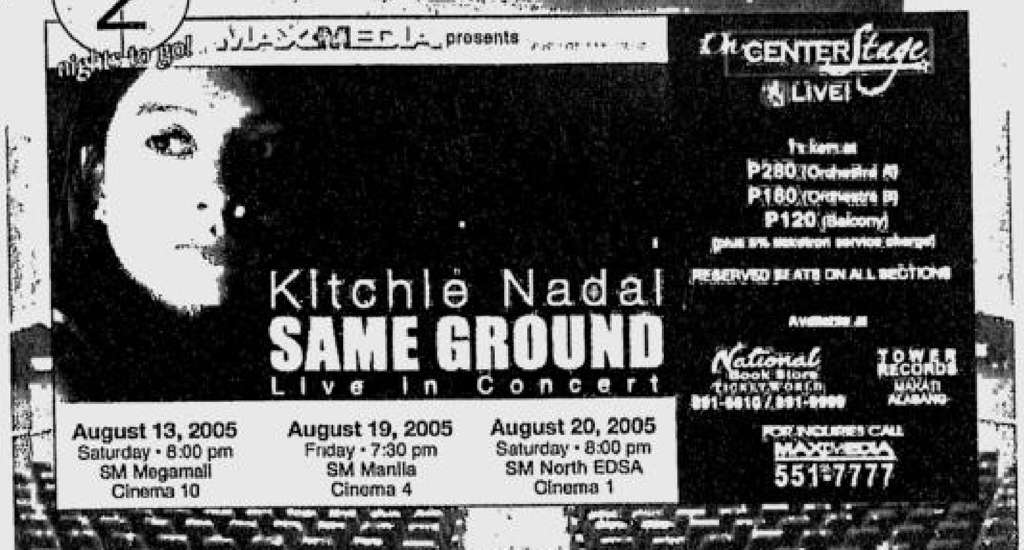

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10 CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY
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1 ARAHAN
2 WAR OF THE WORLDS
3 WEDDING CRASHERS
4 THE ISLAND
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6 THE GREAT RAID
7 STEALTH
8 CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY
9 BEWITCHED
10 THE EYE INFINITY
11 IF ONLY
12 FANTASTIC FOUR

SM NORTH EDSA
1 BEWITCHED
2 CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY
3 D' ANOTHERS
4 THE EYE INFINITY
5 WEDDING CRASHERS
6 THE ISLAND
7 STEALTH
8 THE GREAT RAID

SM CITY MANILA
1 BEWITCHED
2 THE ISLAND
3 YEAR OF THE YAO
4 THE GREAT RAID
5 CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY
6 STEALTH
7 ARAHAN
8 IF ONLY
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10 CRASH
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SM CITY STA MESA
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2 CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY
3 BEWITCHED
4 STEALTH
5 D' ANOTHERS
6 THE EYE INFINITY
7 THE ISLAND
8 CRASH
9 WEDDING CRASHERS
10 YEAR OF THE YAO

SM CITY SOUTHMALL
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SM SAN LAZARO
1 THE GREAT RAID
2 CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY
3 CRASH
4 ARAHAN
5 BEWITCHED
6 D' ANOTHERS

SM CITY BICUTAN
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2 D' ANOTHERS
3 BEWITCHED
4 CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

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1 CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY
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1 STEALTH
2 ARAHAN
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SM CITY DASMARINAS
1 CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY
2 D' ANOTHERS
3 YEAR OF THE YAO
4 THE EYE INFINITY

SM CITY BAGUIO
1 STEALTH
2 D' ANOTHERS
3 IF ONLY
4 THE MACHINIST

SM CITY MARILAO
1 IF ONLY
2 D' ANOTHERS
3 EVIL DEAD
4 ARAHAN

SM CITY LUCENA
1 NEW POLICE STORY
2 D' ANOTHERS
3 CAMPUS GHOST STORY
4 MONSTER-IN-LAW

SM CITY BATANGAS
1 HERBIE: FULLY LOADED
2 D' ANOTHERS
3 STEALTH
4 EVIL DEAD

VISAYAS AND MINDANAO

SM CITY CEBU
1 STEALTH
2 THE ISLAND
3 THE GREAT RAID
4 CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY
5 THE AMITYVILLE HORROR
6 THE EYE INFINITY
7 D' ANOTHERS
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SM CITY ILOILO
1 EVIL DEAD
2 RESERVED
3 IF ONLY
4 D' ANOTHERS
5 YEAR OF THE YAO
6 STEALTH
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SM CITY DAVAO
1 STEALTH
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4 THE MACHINIST
5 CRASH
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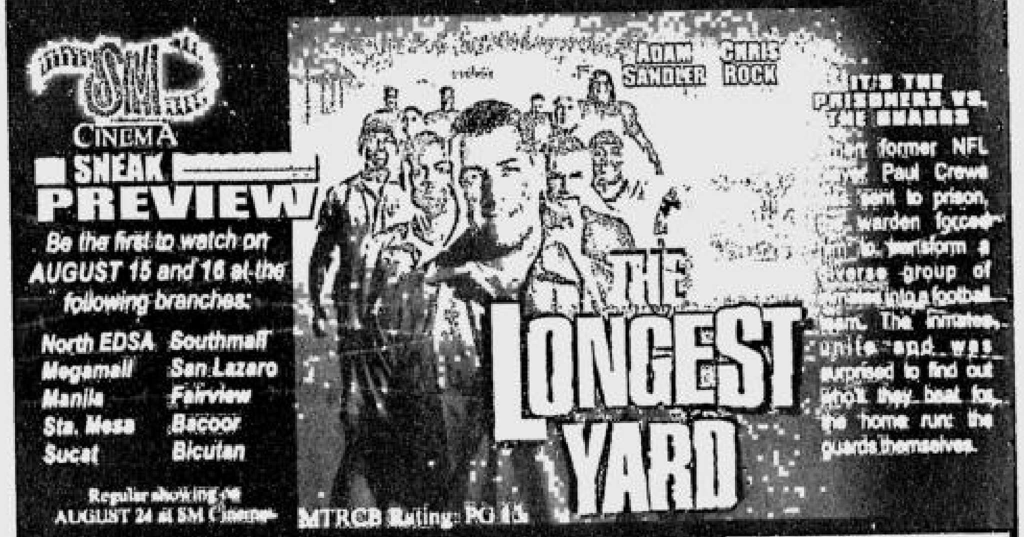

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2 CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY
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3 BEWITCHED
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4 WEDDING CRASHERS
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5 THE GREAT RAID
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6 THE ISLAND
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7 ASSASINATION OF RICHARD NIXON
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8 D' ANOTHERS
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9 CRASH
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10 HERBIE: FULLY LOADED
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ERMITA

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7 WEDDING CRASHERS
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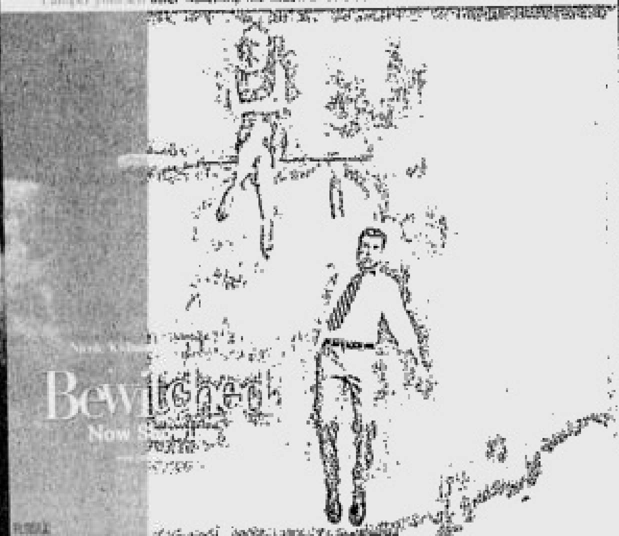

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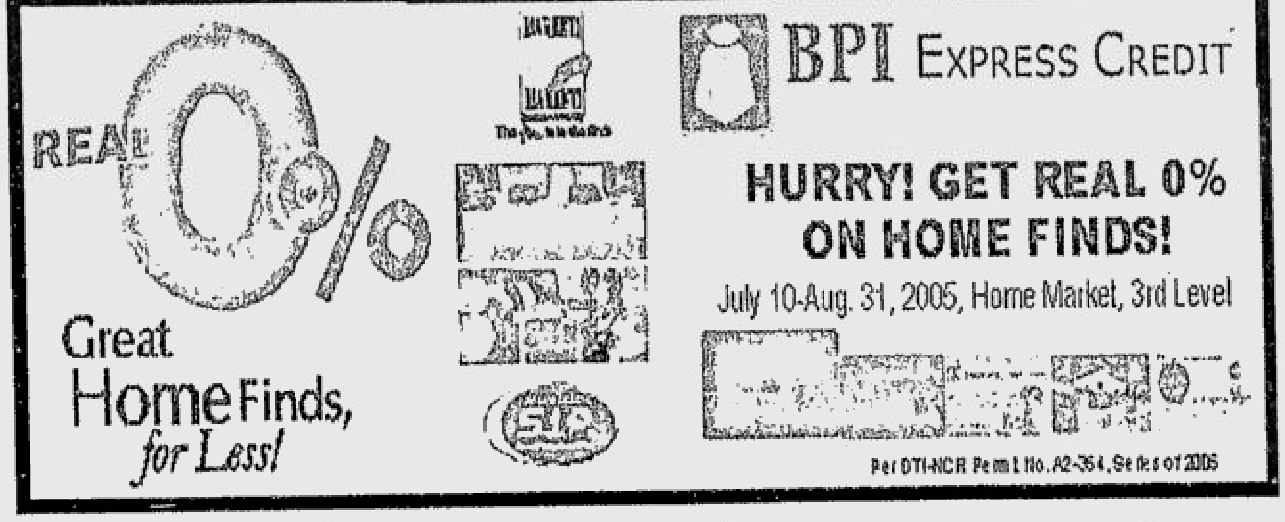
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Upping the ante

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

FOR SEVERAL Saturdays now on Channel 2 at 4:30 p.m., the reality competition and talent search "Close-Up to Fame" has been featuring fresh-faced new wannabe models who have made it as finalists after a nationwide competition.

There were 24 who started the journey in pursuit of their dream of becoming Close-Up models, but quite a number of them have since been eliminated.

The challenges have become more daunting for the "survivors," as the TV tilt keeps raising its competitive ante, to make sure that its ultimate winners will be more than up to the task of being the next signature Close-Up advertising models.

We've caught two rounds of the competition to date. The first Saturday we tuned in, the challenge was for them to create their own costumes and make-up for fantasy pictorials along the themes of the Return of Panday, Kabuki Day, Aliens Invading Manila, and A Gathering of Mermaids.

More recently, we saw the surviving pairs being trained as ramp models, getting shouted at due to their awkwardness, being thoroughly rattled when their clothes and props were intentionally jumbled up, but finally coming through as resolute professionals on the catwalk.

Other rounds have required them to impersonate show biz icons, and to re-create moments in Close-Up commercials. After each episode, the scores submitted by the show's resident critics combined with viewers' text votes decide on which young models "stay alive" into the next week's round.

We've seen how the initially raw talents have perforce been honed by the tilt's varied and stringent tests. The training process has been generally effective, so we trust that the "final-final" survivors will truly be ready for the rigors of the modeling jobs up ahead.

The Close-Up model search is particularly attractive to young comers because, through the years, the toothpaste brand's commercials have launched many talents into eventual TV-film stardom.

We trust that, now that the model search is being televised, stardom will be achieved, not just by the winning pair, but by some of the also-rans, as well.

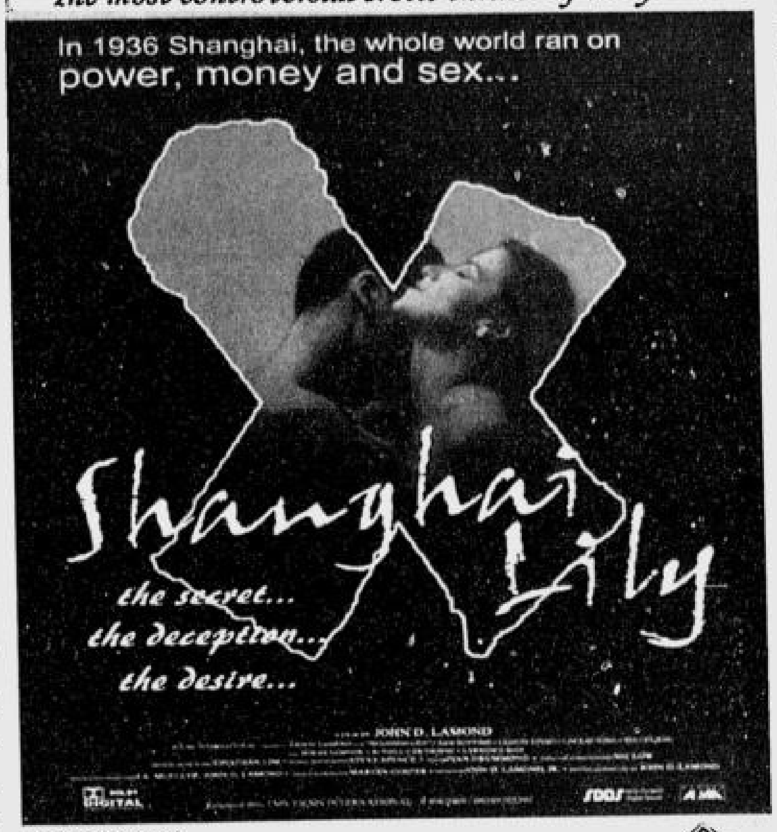
On Star Movies

TONIGHT, "Belly of the Beast" with **Steven Segal** and **Russell Wong**. Aug. 13, "Black Hawk Down" with **Josh Hartnett**, **Tom Sizemore** and **Ewan McGregor**.

On Sunday Mega Movies at 9 p.m.: Aug. 14, "Runaway Jury" with **John Cusack**, **Gene Hackman** and **Dustin Hoffman**. Aug. 21, "Spartan" with **Val Kilmer** and **William H. Macy**. Aug. 28, "Calendar Girls" with **Helen Mirren**, **Julie Walters** and **John Albertson**.

Aug. 15, "Cold Creek Manor" with **Dennis Quaid**, **Sharon Stone** and **Stephen Dorff**.

Aug. 16, "Bridget Jones' Diary" with **Renee Zellweger**, **Hugh Grant** and **Colin Firth**.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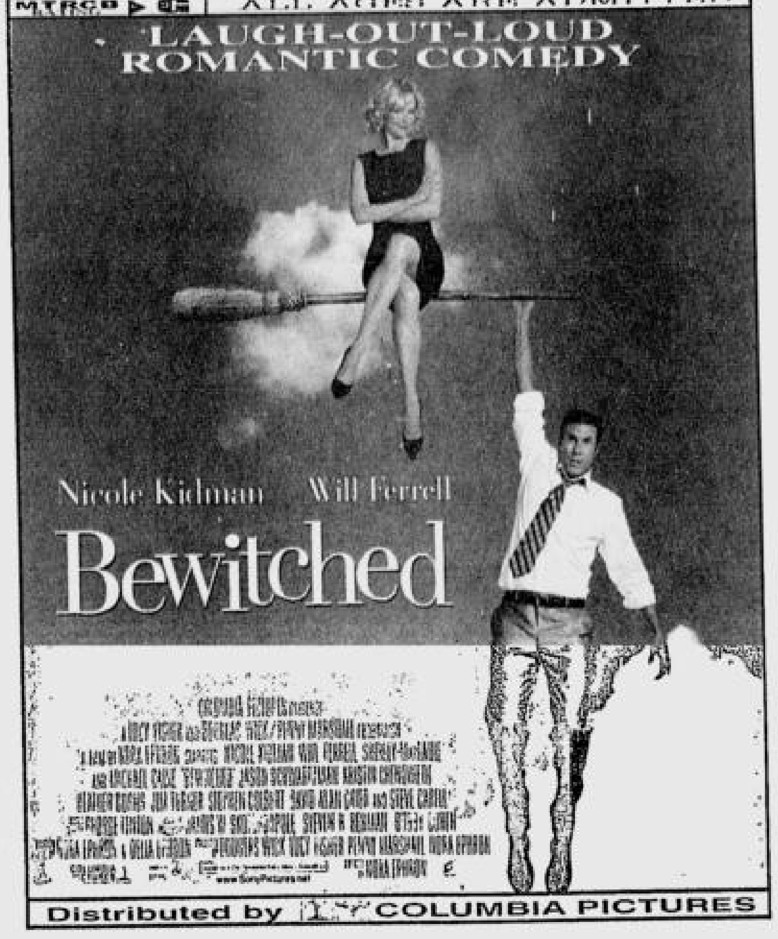
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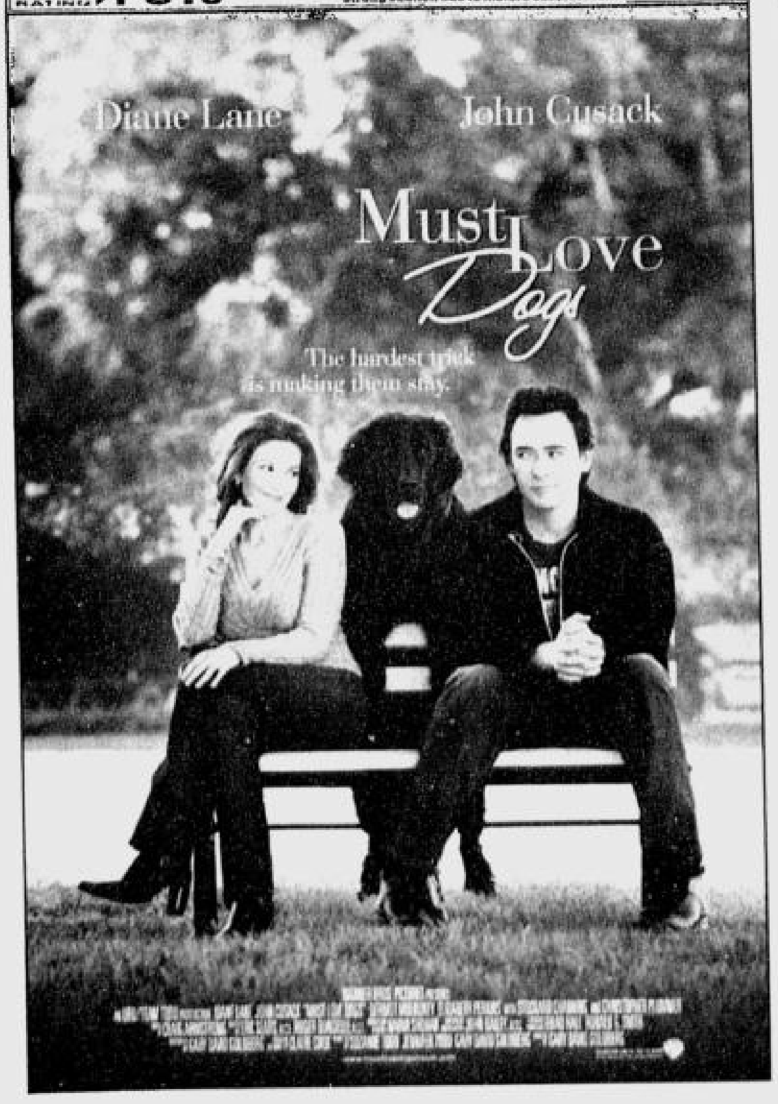
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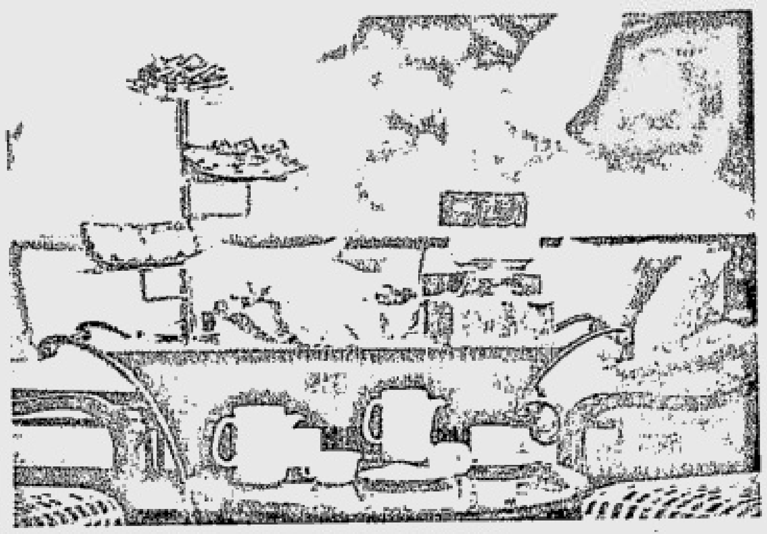

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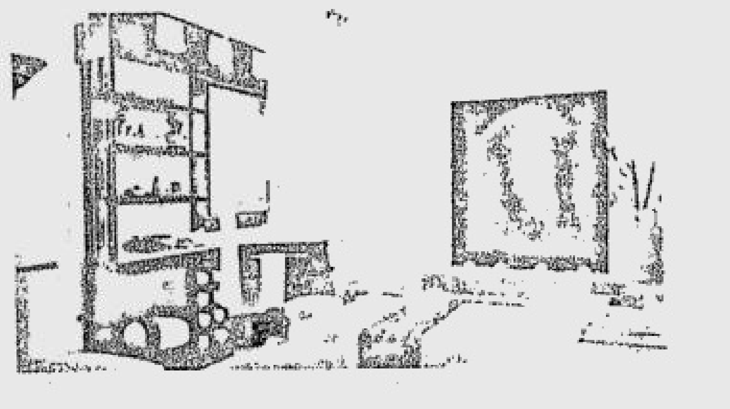
Ylang Ylang spa at Taal Vista Hotel

THE NEW Ylang-Ylang Soothing Spa at the breathtaking Taal Vista Hotel proudly opens its doors to guests in need of total rejuvenation and relaxation. The spa offers exquisite pampering with several body and beauty treatments based on natural ingredients such as plants, spices and fruits rather than chemical preparations. Ylang Ylang Spa's holistic approach concentrates on appeasing the person's body, mind and spirit. Enjoy a form of healing and relaxation that has been around for centuries. What better way to relax and repair one's body than through the touch of healing hands. Ylang Ylang Spa's experienced massage therapists embrace the most effective European and Asian techniques. Indulge in any of the body massage and ala carte body treatments or any of the carefully thought-out spa packages aptly called "synergies and indulgences", which include the Taal Vista Spa Day, a 6-hour treat that the guest may create with the assistance of any of the therapists. It usually includes a body scrub, body wrap, floral bath and a massage of your choice. Gentlemen will get a kick out of a program dedicated especially for them, the Men's Stress Buster, which includes a refreshing body massage, an invigorating facial and soothing foot scrub.

With the interiors done by no other than architect Manny Samson, who is also responsible for the magnificent new look of Taal Vista Hotel, the Ylang Ylang Spa is mostly influenced by the concept of "zen", clean and simple lines are evident. The simplicity is complimented by some local features such as the use of thin gossamer material for the Baldachin or commonly known as "kulambo", a concept that gives one a "cocooned" feeling after a relaxing treatment. The spa invites wellness seekers to an exquisite environment for relaxation and rejuvenation. Inside the spa are 4 treatment rooms for couples and singles, each with a unique feature. All treatment rooms have its own shower, closet and toilet for complete privacy and have access to a balcony that offers the best view of the awe-inspiring Taal volcano and Taal Lake.



Wellness is at Camp John Hay

EVERYONE knows that Camp John Hay in Baguio is the perfect summer retreat, with its cool crisp air, picturesque mountainside scenery, exotic towering pine trees, and unspoiled ecological beauty. A lesser-known fact is that Camp John Hay is also an ideal place for wellness. It is a holistic wellness that is not only for the body, but also for the mind and spirit.

Camp John Hay is full of activities for improving your physical health. It was designed to blend in with the natural surroundings of the place, which means that the paths and roads all follow the contour of the mountain, making them ideal for jogging or simple hiking. The thin mountain air allows for an excellent workout for your lungs, while the beautiful scenery of pine trees and other greeneries will give you that much-needed inspiration to push yourself the extra mile.

. One of the main highlights of Camp John Hay is the Eco-Trail, a 1.8-kilometer footpath that features an unspoiled botanical preserve that is an absolute delight for nature lovers. The Eco-Trail is a place that can be stimulating to the body and yet also restful for the soul. It features a number of pathways with several hanging bridges and footbridges. The trail leads straight into the heart of the pine forest, where you can view a variety of natural sights such as a flowing stream, colorful flowers, and stone formations. There is even a wooden, open-air hut where you can just unwind and take in the serene setting near the rushing waters.

Walking is not the only way to explore Camp John Hay; horseback riding definitely offers a completely different experience. There is something about riding the animal while taking in the natural scenery that allows a deeper connection with nature.

After all that activity, the perfect way to end the day is a relaxing spa treatment at the spa of the Manor Hotel. Enter the sauna room and sweat away the tensions of everyday life, then just sit back and let the skilled masseuses work their magic on your body. End the day with a totally fulfilling slumber while breathing in the fresh, pine-scented air.

Whether it is participation in rough and tough sporting activities or simply a relaxing rest for the soul, Camp John Hay offers a happy and healthy holiday for everyone, giving a new meaning to the term "wellness". For more information, visit www.campjohnhay.com or email marketing@campjohnhay.com.

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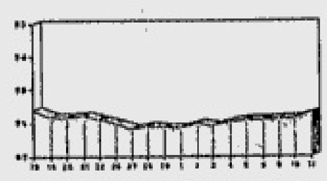

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STOCK MARKET

Shares up 0.66%

SHARE prices yesterday closed 0.66 percent up to a two-month high due to select buying of blue chips led by the Ayala group of companies, dealers said.

They said that after a weak opening, investors reversed course and focused on the upbeat profit outlooks for some companies, ignoring a fresh spike in world oil prices to a new high.

The composite index closed up 13.29 points at 2,023.70, its highest closing in two months. It traded between 2,003.73 and 2,024.33.

Turnover reached 945.6 million shares valued at P9.18 billion.

The all-shares index rose 6.75 points to 1,224.99.

Gainers beat losers 61 to 18, with 56 stocks unchanged.

"These gains are still driven by the earnings outlook on some blue chips like the Ayala companies and PLDT (Philippine Long Distance Telephone)," said Rommel Macapagal of Westlink Global Equities. *AFP*

At least 4 seen to vie for PNB

Biggest privatization effort since Fort Boni

By Doris C. Dumlao and Daxim Lucas

AT LEAST four groups, a bank and three fund managers, are expected to bid for 67 percent of Philippine National Bank in today's auction to be conducted by a task force led by Philippine Deposit Insurance Corp.

An INQUIRER source said the four groups, out of the 10 that were originally pre-qualified to participate in the bidding, had conducted due diligence audit of the bank.

These are Union Bank of the Philippines, Marathon Asset Management, Avenue Capital Management Asia and Newbridge Capital.

The other pre-qualified bidders include HSBC Ltd., Ashmore Capital, Standard Bank of India, Bank of the Philippine Islands and Bank of America.

BPI earlier said it was no longer interested in bidding for the PNB stake following its recent acquisition of Prudential Bank.

Taipan Lucio Tan, who owns half of the block to be auctioned off, holds the right to match the highest offer to be submitted by the bidders today.

The national government is counting on the proceeds from PNB's sale to help it make up for the lost revenues arising from the delay in the implementation of the value-added tax law, the De-

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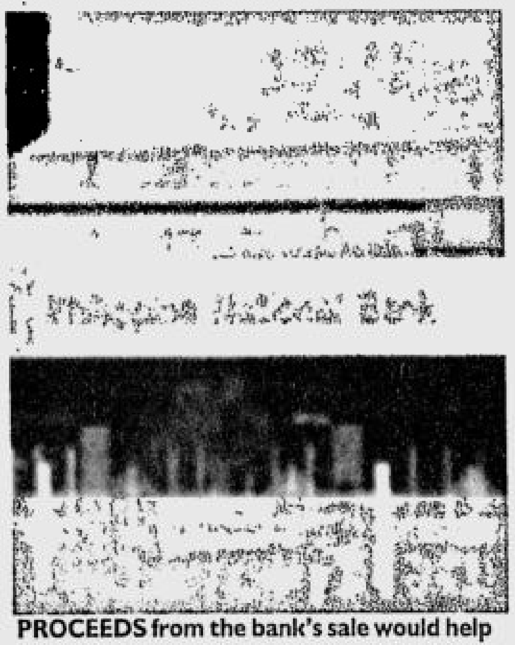

PROCEEDS from the bank's sale would help boost the government's financial position.

Unocal group bags oil deal

By Abigail L. Ho

AFTER almost a year of negotiations, the Department of Energy recently awarded an oil and gas service contract to a consortium composed of BHP Billiton Petroleum Pty Ltd., Amerada Hess Ltd., Unocal Sulu Ltd. and Sandakan Oil II Llc.

Although the service contract over Sulu Sea was granted as part of the first Petroleum Contracting Round (PCR-1) held from August 2003 to March 2004, the actual contract award was done only recently due to some issues that the DOE and the consortium had to resolve.

"We are happy that the contract negotiations have been completed and that the consortium can finally proceed with the work program. It is our hope that the group will be able to find new resources of commercial quantity to push forward our drive for energy independence in the midst of surging oil

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SMC posts lower H1 earnings

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

THE CONSOLIDATED revenues of food and beverage giant San Miguel Corp. may have grown 24 percent to P100.6 billion in the first half, but its net income from January to June is slightly weaker at P3.85 billion, from last year's P4 billion.

In a statement issued to the Philippine Stock Exchange yesterday, Southeast Asia's largest food and beverage firm reported that its net income fell due to higher interest expenses and costs of raw materials, utilities and other manufacturing expenses.

The increase in consolidated revenues were driven by gains in Philippine and international beer operations, packaging and improvements in the performance of its food group.

San Miguel did not provide any comparative figure for its consolidated revenues but it reported previously that its net sales in the first half of 2004 hit P81.28 billion.

San Miguel's net income in the first quarter was P1.78 billion. When SMC reported that its first half income hit P3.85 billion, it meant that its second quarter earning was P2.07 billion.

Apart from higher costs of packaging, utilities and raw materials, the increase in the company's debt burden due to its aggressive acquisition of foreign companies also bloated its financing charges this year.

ABS-CBN nets P185M in 1st half

By Clarissa S. Batino

DRIVEN by robust sales of its global subsidiary, ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp. has reversed its first quarter losses and managed to end the first half with a net income of P185 million.

While the first semester net earnings were down 67 percent against P560 million a year ago, ABS-CBN officials saw an improving trend during the first quarter that boded well for the broadcast giant.

ABS-CBN suffered a net loss of P114 million from January to March this year. In the second quarter, it registered a net profit of P299.37 million.

In July, for instance, the company saw for the first time this year an increase in revenue against the previous year.

Prospects for the third quarter are even better, according to Raldolph Estrellada, the network's chief finance officer.

Luis Alejandro, ABS-CBN president, said that by next year, the broadcast company would try to regain its leadership in terms of ratings and earnings.

"The ratings have stabilized compared to the lows in April," said Estrellado. "We are seeing continuing improvements in the numbers."

ABS-CBN's rating share in Metro Manila improved recently to 38 percent from 27 percent in the first quarter. Fierce rival GMA Network Inc. accounted for 43 percent of the country's viewer base.

"[GMA] Channel 7 is nowhere in sight outside of Metro Manila," said the ABS-CBN president.

The Lopez network is taking comfort in its leadership outside of Mega Manila and overseas. As of the second quarter, Estrellado said ABS-CBN was already ahead of its competitor in Iloilo City, hometown of the Lopezes.

ABS-CBN Global grew its sales by 19 percent at P1.87 billion as subscribers went up by 22 percent, translating to 1.7 million viewers worldwide.

Airtime revenue was 6 percent lower at P5.1 billion from last year's P5.4 billion. Revenue of other subsidiaries, like ABS-CBN Films and Star Records, were also down.

SM's EPCIB acquisition gets MB nod

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE SM group's acquisition of the Go family's entire stake in Equitable PCIBank was consummated yesterday after the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas' Monetary Board approved the P10.2-billion deal.

The purchase by the SM group's banking arm Banco de Oro Universal Bank and SM Investments Corp. of about 24.7-percent stake in EPCIBank was sealed right after the BSP approval was obtained by way of a special block sale at the Philippine Stock Exchange, BDO spokesperson Elmer Serrano disclosed.

The BSP also approved the acquisition by BDO of a 10-percent stake in the country's largest credit card issuer Equitable Card Network Inc. for about P600 million.

The SM group bought 180 million shares of EPCIBank at P56.50 per share and 1.98 million shares of ECN at P303.80 per share.

The decision of the Go family to sell out ended the controversial shareholder squabble that pitted the family that founded Equitable Bank 55 years ago against a bigger voting bloc comprising the pension funds Social Security System, Government Service Insurance System and the Romualdez family.

Property firm Ayala Land nets P640M in Q2

PROPERTY giant Ayala Land Inc. reported a 4.4-percent increase in its second quarter income to P640 million, bringing its first half earnings to P1.8 billion, up 62.5 percent from P1.1 billion in the same period last year.

Revenues also rose to P11.8 billion in the first half from P8.05 billion in the same period last year.

In the second quarter, revenues hit P4.85 billion from P4.4 billion last year.

Costs and expense also grew to P4.12 billion in the second quarter from P3.83 billion in the same period last year. First half expenses, meanwhile, jumped to P9.8 billion from P6.98 billion in the first six months last year. *Elizabeth Sanchez*

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Asiatrust Dev. Bank, Inc.	4	4	4	4	1,000
Banco de Oro Univ. Bank	31.5	32.5	31.5	32.5	1,915,500
Bank of the Phil. Islands	49.5	50.5	49.5	50.5	3,731,200
China Banking Corp.	780	780	775	775	150
Chinatrust Comm. Bank	18	18	18	18	400
Citystate Savings Bank	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	500
Export and Ind. Bank Inc.	0.69	0.7	0.68	0.7	5,130,000
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	51.5	52.5	51.5	52.5	335,900
International Exch. Bank	19.25	19.25	19	19	29,000
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	27.5	28	27.5	27.5	597,300
Philippine National Bank	47	49.5	47	49	413,600
Phil. Savings Bank	33	33	33	33	100
Rizal Comm. Banking Corp.	17.75	17.75	16.5	17	52,900
Security Bank Corp.	34	34	34	34	34,000
Union Bank of the Phil.	32	32.5	32	32	64,300
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
Manulife Financial Corp.	2800	2800	2800	2800	1,480
PCI Leasing & Fin. Inc.	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02	160,000
Phil. Stock Exchange Inc.	140	140	140	140	33,000
Sun Life Financial Inc.	2015	2015	2015	2015	340
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	15	15.25	14.75	14.75	83,000
Digital Telecom Phils Inc.	1.1	1.1	1.08	1.1	5,722,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	810	810	810	810	44,960
Ipeople Inc.	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	184,000
ISM Communications Corp.	0.0575	0.0575	0.0575	0.0575	1,500,000
Liberty Telecoms Holdings	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	950,000
Pilipino Tel. Corp.	3.15	3.25	3.15	3.25	8,729,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	1675	1690	1675	1690	109,500
Ivantage Corp.	0.59	0.59	0.59	0.59	100,000
Philweb Corp.	0.016	0.017	0.016	0.017	22,400,000
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Petron Corp.	3.25	3.3	3.25	3.3	1,650,000
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TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
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CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Engineering Equip. Inc.	0.51	0.52	0.51	0.51	560,000
Holcim Philippines Inc.	3.05	3.05	3.05	3.05	34,000
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FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Alaska Milk Corp.	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.45	91,000
Ginebra San Miguel Inc.	31	31.5	31	31.5	65,400
Jollibee Foods Corp.	31.5	32.5	31.5	32	366,400
RFM Corp.	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	330,000
Swift Food, Inc.	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	10,000
San Miguel Corp. A	69	69.5	68.5	69.5	300,500
San Miguel Corp. B	99	99.5	99	99.5	272,600
Universal Robina Corp.	16.75	16.75	16.75	16.75	70,200
Vitarich Corp.	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26	200,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Abacus Con Res & Hdg A	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008	1,000,000
Ayala Corp.	307.5	312.5	307.5	312.5	154,270
Alsons Cons. Res. Inc.	0.58	0.62	0.58	0.59	54,560,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	4.95	4.95	4.95	4.95	226,000
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.026	0.026	0.026	0.026	18,500,000
A. Soriano Corp.	2.06	2.06	2.04	2.04	1,353,000
APC Group Inc.	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26	200,000
Anglo Phil Holdings Corp.	0.7	0.71	0.7	0.71	180,000
Bacnotan Cons Indus Inc.	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	22,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	1.14	1.22	1.14	1.22	42,721,000
Basic Consolidated Inc.	0.205	0.205	0.205	0.205	20,000
Southeast Asian Cement	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	1,200,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	3.05	3.05	3.05	3.05	892,000
Ever-Gotesco Resources	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	2,400,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	1.08	1.08	1.08	1.08	200,000
Fil-Hispano Holdings Corp.	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	118,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	44	45.5	44	45.5	588,600
Global Equities, Inc.	0.0725	0.0725	0.0725	0.0725	200,000
House of Investments Inc.	0.93	0.95	0.93	0.95	340,000
Ionics Inc.	1.26	1.26	1.26	1.26	59,000
Jardine Davies Inc.	14	14	14	14	100
J.G. Summit Holdings, Inc.	3.5	3.65	3.5	3.6	1,815,000
Macroasia Corp.	1.84	1.86	1.84	1.86	112,000
Marsteel Cons. Inc. A	0.014	0.014	0.014	0.014	900,000
Marsteel Cons. Inc. B	0.015	0.015	0.015	0.015	2,300,000
Megaworld Corp.	1.4	1.44	1.4	1.44	12,386,000
Mabuhay Holdings Corp.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	70,000
Multitech Inv. Corp.	0.3	0.39	0.3	0.39	40,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.36	9,320,000
Prime Orion Phils. Inc.	0.21	0.235	0.21	0.23	1,880,000
Prime Media Holdings Inc.	1.08	1.08	1.02	1.02	10,000
East Asia Power Res. Corp.	0.3	0.31	0.3	0.3	570,000
Roxas Holdings Inc.	1	1	1	1	590,000
Solid Group Inc.	0.57	0.58	0.57	0.58	540,000
SM Investments Corp.	234	234	232	234	451,340
Tanduay Holdings Inc.	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	8,000
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.175	0.175	0.175	0.175	560,000
Wellex Industries Inc.	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.125	100,000
Waterfront Phils. Inc.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	420,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Music Semiconductors Corp.	1.6	1.6	1.58	1.6	10,000
Picop Resources Inc.	0.0875	0.09	0.0875	0.09	200,000
Panasonic Mfg Phil Corp.	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	5,000
Pryce Corp.	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	280,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICES					
Belle Corp.	0.97	0.98	0.97	0.98	6,040,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.81	0.81	0.81	0.81	30,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp.	1.38	1.42	1.38	1.42	2,022,000
Premiere Ent. Prod. Inc.	0.3	0.31	0.3	0.3	600,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp.(Pdr)	14.75	15	14.5	14.75	935,100
PLDT (10% Pref) Series M	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	1,000
PLDT (10% Pref) Series O	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	300
PLDT (10% Pref.) Series U	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	1,800
PLDT (10% Pref) Series W	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	100
PLDT (10% Pref) Series X	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	100
PLDT 10% Pref Series Aa	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	7,500
PLDT 10% Pref Series Cc	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	1,000
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	8.2	8.4	8.2	8.4	16,556,000
Cebu Holdings Inc.	0.89	0.9	0.89	0.9	110,000
C&P Homes Inc.	0.245	0.245	0.245	0.245	300,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.245	0.28	0.245	0.28	13,360,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37	2,450,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	1.46	1.52	1.46	1.52	11,424,000
Gotesco Land Inc.	0.0725	0.075	0.0725	0.075	600,000
Gotesco Land Inc. B	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	500,000
Kuok Phil. Properties	0.2	0.205	0.2	0.205	750,000
Fil-Estate Land Inc.	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44	100,000
MRC Allied Ind. Inc.	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	300,000
Phil Realty and Holdings	0.19	0.195	0.19	0.195	4,060,000
SM Development Corp.	1.54	1.54	1.54	1.54	493,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.4	1,543,000
MINING					
Abra Mining & Industrial	0.008	0.0085	0.008	0.0085	409,000,000
Atlas Cons. Min & Dev't	4.95	5	4.95	5	366,000
Benguet Corp. A	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	30,000
Dizon Copper Silver Mines	2.22	2.22	2.1	2.1	87,000
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.34	0.35	0.33	0.34	17,430,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co B	0.35	0.36	0.35	0.35	14,250,000
Manila Mining Corp. B	0.022	0.022	0.022	0.022	50,500,000
Omico Corp.	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	1,000,000
Philex Mining Corp. A	0.81	0.82	0.81	0.81	5,660,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	0.93	0.94	0.93	0.93	4,550,000
Semirara Mining Corp.	28	28	28	28	704,500
United Paragon Mining Co.	0.25	0.26	0.24	0.26	810,000
OIL					
Imperial Res.	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	6,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. A	0.0065	0.007	0.0065	0.007	42,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. B	0.0075	0.0075	0.0075	0.0075	5,000,000
The Philodrill Corp. A	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	2,090,000
Petroenergy Res. Corp.	3.4	3.6	3.3	3.6	309,000
Sinophil Corp.	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	2,550,000
Vulcan Ind'l	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.36	150,000

DISCLOSURES

DIVERSIFIED Financial Network Inc. filed with the Office of the Ombudsman a complaint-affidavit against Corazon Juliano-Soliman, Sergio Valencia, Rosario Uriarte, Victoria Garchitorena, Victor Domingo, Margarita Juico and Manuel Morato, Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office directors when the equipment lease agreement executed between PCSO and DFNN in 2003 was unlawfully rescinded.

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ABRA Mining and Industrial Corp. signed an investment and supply memorandum of agreement with M/S HL Nathurmal, a company based in India. The agreement involved the former's Magnetite River Iron Sand project located at the Abra River. ***Compiled by Cyril L. Bonabente, PDI Research***

CURRENCIES

August 11, 2005 Country	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Dollar Equivalent	Peso Equivalent
United States	Dollar	0.807950	1.000000	55.8350
Japan	Yen	0.007301	0.009036	0.5045
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Hong Kong	Dollar	0.103994	0.128713	7.1867
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Canada	Dollar	0.668004	0.826788	46.1637
Singapore	Dollar	0.490827	0.607497	33.9196
Australia	Dollar	0.617604	0.764409	42.6808
Bahrain	Dinar*	2.143161	2.652590	148.1074
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.215436	0.266645	14.8881
Brunei	Dollar	0.489341	0.605657	33.8169
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000082	0.000102	0.0057
Thailand	Baht	0.019764	0.024462	1.3658
UAE	Dirham	0.219994	0.272287	15.2031
Euro	Euro	1.000000	1.237700	69.1070
Argentina	Peso	0.281271	0.348129	19.4378
Brazil	Real	0.356569	0.441326	24.6414
Denmark	Kroner	0.134024	0.165881	9.2620
India	Rupee	0.018591	0.023010	1.2848
Malaysia	Ringgit	0.215683	0.266951	14.9052
Mexico	New Peso	0.076417	0.094581	5.2809
New Zealand	Dollar	0.560376	0.693577	38.7259
South Africa	Rand	0.126954	0.157131	8.7734
Korea	Won	0.000796	0.000985	0.0550
Sweden	Kroner	0.107040	0.132484	7.3972
Syria	Pound	0.015564	0.019264	1.0756
Taiwan	Nt Dollar	0.025345	0.031370	1.7515

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Soap-making seminar set

IN LINE with the government's project to generate more jobs for the entrepreneurs and to the unemployed, Golden Treasure Skills and Development Program (GTSDP) will conduct a one-day seminar on soap-making to be held at Benitez Alumni Center, UP Diliman, Quezon City on Aug. 13, 2005 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Bond Fund - US Dollar	1.1185	1.1176

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Investment Funds of Wealth Builder	August 8, 2005	August 1, 2005
Fixed Income Fund	1.043005	1.041572
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Equity Fund	1.003120	1.005519

These investment funds are specific to variable life insurance contracts and are not considered mutual funds. Life insurance products are regulated by the Insurance Commission.
The weekly unit prices are also available at www.insularlife.com.ph.

S & P Upgrades Maybank Credit Rating to A --

Standard & Poor's Ratings Services (S & P) recently announced that it has raised its credit ratings for Maybank (Malayan Banking Berhad), Malaysia's largest bank, from "BBB+" to "A", the highest rating attained by Malaysian banks.

The upgrade in credit rating is primarily due to Maybank's strengthening credit profile, which has recovered to a level similar to that which the bank enjoyed prior to the 1997-1998 crisis, with the successful incorporation of improvements into their risk management system. The report further states that S & P is confident that the Maybank will sustain this profile over the medium term.

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Tsunami of retirees

By Ernesto M. Ordoñez

COMMENTARY

IT WAS an impassioned overseas phone call that we received last Aug. 10 from David Paraiso. He is one of the top information technology (IT) experts in the United States and the president of the Healthcare Coalition Institute (HCI).

"Our generation has failed our country. The Philippines is in deep trouble. However, we have one last chance. Our hope is not in manufacturing or even information technology. It is rather in the tsunami of retirees. If we do this properly, it will strengthen our overall economy. This is necessary for all sectors, including agriculture, to grow."

Background

Paraiso is now 50 years old. He left the Philippines for the United States in the early '70s because of martial law.

Today, he is a senior consultant to the president of the University of California system, which has 11 campuses and five medical schools. He also developed the healthcare "electronic brain" for Kaiser Permanente, the leading health insurance provider in the United States.

Together with Dr. Manuel A Sison - a prominent Filipino-American who was the official ophthalmologist for the LA Lakers, such as Kareem Abdul Jabar - Paraiso was invited three years ago by our Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) officials to undertake a study.

This was to look at how the Philippines could take advantage of the possible huge influx of retirees looking for retirement destinations.

Paraiso found out that a critical component of any retirement zone is the hospital accreditation by the foreign insurance companies of the retirees.

Without this accreditation, the retirees would encounter the tremendous burden of paying for their increasing hospital bills from their own pockets. This constitutes a major deterrent to foreign retirees coming here.

Volume of retirees

At right is a table we reconstructed from the data HCI has gathered.

Men and women born during the baby boom in the 1940s to the 1960s are adding to the tsunami of retirees in the world. They constitute an increasingly larger percentage of the population.

For example, in the United States from 1970 to 2000, the percentage of retirees to the population increased by only 4 percentage points from 10-14 percent. However, in the subsequent 30 years, this share is estimated to increase by 6 percentage points, from 14 percent in 2000 to 20 percent in 2030.

Retirees aged 65 or over

Country	Number (in millions)	% of population
United States	36.3	12 %
Japan	24.2	19 %
Germany	15.1	18 %
Italy	11.1	19 %
France	9.9	16 %
United Kingdom	9.5	16 %
Philippines	3.4	4 %

Analysis

Retirees from developed countries are looking for destinations with hospitable, friendly people, a good climate, and where their retirement income will go a long way in providing them with the comforts of life.

The Philippines can be such a destination. We are the most hospitable English speaking people in the world, exempt from cold winters, and where a typical retirement income from abroad can procure amenities such as a nice residence and helpers that these foreign retirees cannot afford to have in their home countries.

There is, however, a very big obstacle.

For example, while we can boast of providing among the best medical services in our hospitals, none of our hospitals is accredited by a major insurance provider in the United States.

A cousin living in the United States recently told me, "I want to retire in the Philippines. But if I get sick, my US Medicare will not cover my medical expenses. If only these were covered, I would definitely retire there."

This sentiment is felt by many of the registered 372,000 Filipinos aged 65 or over living in the United States today. The lack of medical insurance coverage from the home country is also a primary deterrent for potential retirees from other countries.

Conclusion

Paraiso said that whether we like it or not, the tsunami of retirees has started. In the next three years, they will be going to different countries to retire. Subsequent retirees will be following their trend. If we do not catch this first wave, we will again lose our chance.

Today, the Philippines has a big advantage. While building new retirement zones is recommended, this will take time.

But if one looks at our current situation, we already have retirement-friendly "zones" in different places, such as Davao, Cebu, Baguio,

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Muckraking and foreign funding

COCK-TALES

Victor C. Agustin

A PUBLIC institution has a declared capital of P250,000, and yet manages to bleed over P43.9 million in three years in a new business venture. If it were a public official, then we have an unequivocal case of unexplained wealth, have we not?

But what if the subject of the mystery fund disbursements were a magazine outfit?

Newsbreak Publishing Inc., which publishes the investigative magazine Newsbreak, was incorporated in 1999 with a total paid-up capital of—this is not a misprint—P250,000.

The declared stockholders and their capital contributions: Rafael Lopa (P50,000), Jose Feria Jr. (P50,000), Jose Luis Gomez (P50,000), Michael Tantoco (P50,000), Gabriel Robeniol (P49,995), Ramon Carandang (P1), Marites Vitug (P1), Chay Hofilena (P1), and Glenda Gloria (P1).

In a span of three years, from its first issue in 2001 up to 2003, Newsbreak racked up a total of P43.9 million in losses. Despite its woefully inadequate capitalization, the magazine never missed a beat, and continued to battle government and corporate corruption, and advance the cause of transparency and good governance.

With the continuous subsidy draining even the deep pockets of the "two men belonging to the country's elite" who jumpstarted the venture, the investigative magazine, according to New York Times correspondent Raymond Bonner, has now resorted to soliciting funds from foreign institutions and even a foreign government to keep itself afloat.

The foreign solicitations were an adroit way of skirting the constitutional ban on foreign ownership and foreign lobby restrictions but, for congratulating Newsbreak and its soul sister, the Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism, for such an ingenious scheme, Cocktales instead got hammered by the heads of the twin outfits for "dishonesty" and failing to get his facts straight.

"The entity called 'Newsbreak/PCIJ' doesn't exist except in Agustin's mind," railed the PCIJ, conveniently forgetting that the Newsbreak publisher continues to sit in the PCIJ board, not to mention the fact that at least two of the nine Newsbreak shareholders continue to be with PCIJ.

Saying it is a non-stock, nonprofit organization that receives grants "mainly to train journalists (free of charge) and to produce journalism manuals," PCIJ then rhetorically asked, "By what stretch of the imagination...can we be accused of skirting the constitutional ban on foreign media ownership?"

Actually, right from its very inception, according to one of the founders of PCIJ, now GMA Cabinet member Rigoberto Tiglao.

"We rewrote my research paper into a project proposal and got the Asia Foundation to fund what we called the Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism," wrote Tiglao in an article, "Muckraking in Philippines," for the Nieman Notes.

Tiglao, who was then a foreign correspondent like the Newsbreak and PCIJ chiefs, made no bones about the Asia Foundation, a US government-funded institution, as the "main source of its (PCIJ's) funding in its first few years."

"Other foreign and local development agencies and even local philanthropic foundations have been funding it for specific topics it is interested in," he said.

End result? "It (PCIJ) has become a full-fledged publishing house," Tiglao said, adding that the investigative group has even branched out into "broadcast media with video reports."

(Cocktales tried to obtain the PCIJ annual reports from the Securities and Exchange Commission, but according to the SEC, all it has in its files are the 1997 and 1998 submissions. It should be interesting to find out who funded the anti-Erap and now anti-GMA reports that PCIJ produced.

(Apparently to differentiate the group from the "envelopmental journalism" that is practiced in certain segments of the local industry, the PCIJ, according to one board member, makes sure that it finances its investigative projects from "income from marketing of (the said) reports."

(Unfortunately, that is not what the PCIJ financial records and even the US Agency for International Development report.

(But that, as they say, is another story.)

Money-go-round

- ANTICIPATING that they could lose control because of a recent Supreme Court ruling, a Mike Arroyo cousin and a TeddyBoy Locsin brother now controlling the sequestered Philcomsat Group have transferred the company's nearly P900 million in deposits out of Chinatrust into another bank.
- AGCAOILI and Associates, not Accralaw as reported Friday, was the counsel on record that had been rebuffed by the Supreme Court for failing to pay the correct filing fees in the collection case its client, Banque Nationale de Paris, has been pursuing against the Proton/Autocorp Group since 1998.

Heard through the grapevine

ROCKWELL has hired the Miami-based Arquitectonica design consultants for its new block of towers that would rise at the corner of Estrella and Rockwell Drive, where the Rockwell executive offices are now.

Part of Arquitectonica's marching orders is to ensure that the new high-rises would block the Manila Bay view of the competing Philtown condo across the street.

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Globe now ready for 3G, says Ablaza

By Clarissa S. Batino

GLOBE Telecom Inc. is now ready for the next wave of wireless technology called 3G, an official said following the successful completion of the company's first full-motion, real-time video calls over a trial 3G network.

Globe president Gerardo Ablaza said Globe, the joint venture of Ayala Corp. and Singapore Telecom, was the first Philippine operator to test 3G here after securing a permit and trial frequencies from the National Telecommunications Commission.

"Now, 3G is upon us, and we are ready," said Ablaza. "We are committed to investing today in these trials to make sure we will be ready when the time comes."

The NTC estimated that the 3G technology would require an investment of least P1.2 billion.

Third-generation technology or 3G is the next evolution in digital wireless technology.

Ablaza said the video call conducted last month was another milestone in the evolution of Globe and was one of many steps the second-largest phone company was taking to understand and build the next generation of telecom technologies and services.

"Just a decade ago, we pioneered digital communications in the Philippines with the introduction of the second generation of cellular networks, GSM (global system for mobile)," the Globe president said.

He said Globe also launched the Philippines' first 2.5G network, using GPRS technology.

SM Prime profit up 10%

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

MALL operator, SM Prime Holdings Inc. said its second quarter profit rose 10 percent to P1.17 billion from P1.07 billion in the same period last year due to strong rental revenue.

SM Prime also said its net income for the first six months grew 8 percent to P2.41 billion, from year ago's P2.23 billion.

Rental income generated by the SM malls and food courts remained the biggest contributor to total revenue, posting a 12-percent growth to P4.29 billion in the six months to June 2005, from P3.84 billion in the first half of last year.

The increase was largely due to the opening of two SM Supermalls in 2004, namely SM City Dasmariñas and SM City Batangas. The occupancy level for both malls is now at 97 percent.

The company's gross revenue rose 6 percent to P5.19 billion in the first half from last year's P4.92 billion, even as expenses grew 8 percent due to the opening of the two new malls. Operating expenses reached P2.21 billion in the first half, compared with the P2.05 billion in 2004.

Prospects for growth remained bright for the rest of the year, SM Prime vice president for finance Jeffrey C. Lim said.

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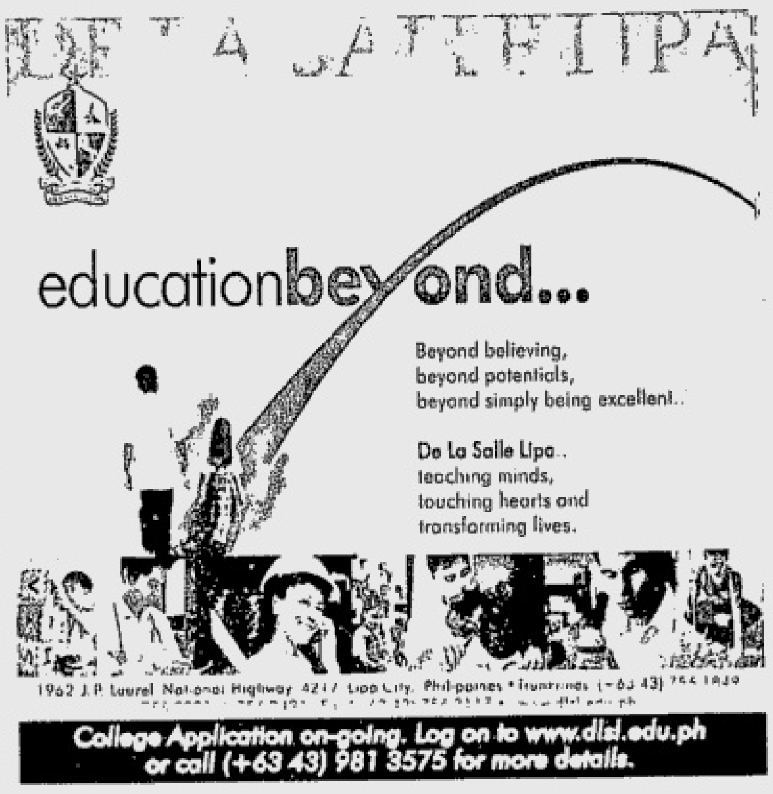

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New market segment: 'housebands'

By Karen V. De Asis
Contributor

MEN, ages ago, brought home the paycheck while women took care of the household including the husband and the children's daily needs.

Not so, today.

More men are taking active roles in the homes as revealed by ACNielsen's qualitative and quantitative research on male homemakers.

In a study mounted locally by market research firm ACNielsen three major segments of male homemakers or housebands (short for house-bound husbands) were uncovered .

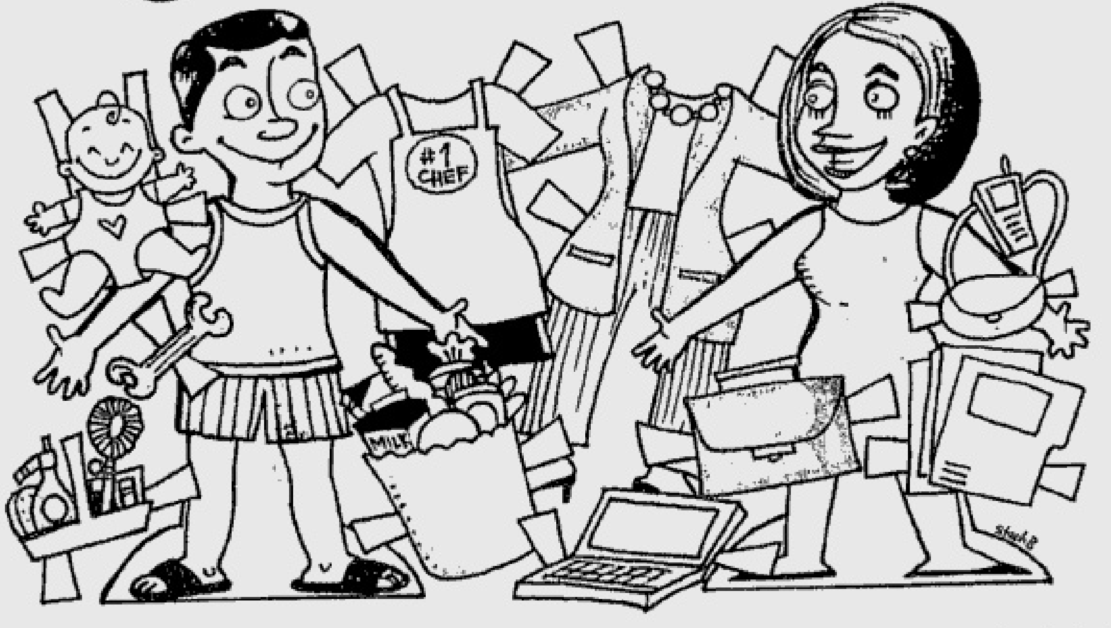
The three are the chance homemakers, choice housebands and the consummate hubbies. The segments were identified based on principal reason/s cited by male homemaker respondents as the cause of their to shift to homemaking, originally a role assigned to wives.

Chance homemakers make up 45 percent of the male respondents. They have taken to their new role largely because of their present circumstance i.e. they are separated or widowed, have absentee housewives who are working overseas, are single live-alones or are married to women who are not skillful in homemaking.

Choice "housebands" account for 41 percent of the respondents. They are presently jobless or work half-time or have more flexible work hours than their wives. Nonetheless, they are sufficiently pragmatic to realize that they can take a more proactive role in their homes thus helping their life partner.

Consummate hubbies make up 14 percent of the respondents. These are males who take care of their homes simply because they want their standards in homemaking properly executed.

Much of the tasks of homemakers are limited to simple home repairs, budgeting, menu planning, taking care of the children, shopping in groceries and wet markets and cooking. Only a small number of housebands engage in physically, laborious tasks like ironing of clothes, laundering, dishwashing and house cleaning. Other members of the family or the house help assist in these areas.



Starting them young

Interestingly, a man's upbringing has a lot to do with the likelihood of engaging in homemaking activities. Male homemakers have been trained, while still children, to do housework like cooking and taking care of younger siblings. Others, though, have a natural propensity for homemaking.

Buying behavior

Male homemakers have a high affinity for brands, are less experimental and are not partial to impulse buying. Also, they are likely to be more brand-loyal.

Housebands are cautious about the brands they buy and are more responsive to rational and functional messages. They study product labels closely. Also, they value word of mouth endorsements and are highly influenced by their family. For them, advertising and related media are mere sources of reinforced messaging, rather than a source of awareness.

They exhibit high affinity for brands specially with those belonging to categories that include medicines, coffee, milk and personal hygiene products.

Implications to marketing

1. The male homemaker is a strong emergent market. It is likely to be the future's most important consumer segment as more and more women become highly involved in their careers and the workplace. However, marketing to housebands require a different marketing approach altogether.

2. Establishing brand trust is highly important when targeting the male homemaker market. Housebands are cautious buyers. Thus, brands with strong, positive heritage are likely to attract this market. New products, on the other hand, will have to exert greater marketing effort in both above the line and below the line activities as male homemakers are heavily influenced by word of mouth endorsements.

3. Family is the primary influencer of the male homemaker market. Thus, key to winning the male homemaker is to achieve visibility among their influencers.

4. A product's packaging label may yet be the final clincher in the male homemaker's buying decision. Marketers must provide insightful information even on the product's packaging.

5. Male homemakers are rare shifters. Keep them happy and marketers have a steady stream of customers for life.

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'I'm afraid of being another CRM failure—what should I do to succeed?'

MARKETING Rx

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Q: I've been in pharma marketing and brand the past 10 years and recently top management has asked me to build and head the previously non-existent CRM department "to make our customers more loyal." I've done some research and read some articles on CRM and it seems daunting (and expensive—especially the database marketing and structuring part). Looks like there have been as many failures as successes. I'm afraid of being one of those failures. What should I do to avoid that and be a CRM success story?

A: Count yourself blessed. The direct marketing and CRM guru himself, Drayton Bird, has sent us an answer to your question. The London-based Bird (he mentored and helped the marketing director of the London Olympics create their winning marketing plan and pitch) will be in Manila ten days from now to grace the INQUIRER's special breakfast forum with their VIP advertisers and clients. Here is his answer:

Thanks for being honest about your fears. Basically, you've asked why so many CRM managers have failed—and how can you succeed?

If you ask 10 simple questions, you'll do at least twice as well—and save yourself a lot of misery.

Why have over 70 percent of the efforts (and most of the billions) invested in CRM gone right down the drain? Are your customers really loyal?

Why do firms who don't even know what it is or if it will work for them hire CRM Managers (like you) and set up whole departments?

You know what? People just make it too complicated. And as a result, people are running scared. Last year Advertising Age in the United States revealed that investment in it (CRM) was going down.

But if this has stopped you from getting involved, I'd ask you to think again. After all, I imagine it's pretty safe to say you'd love to know:

- What your customers expect of you,
- How to get them to buy more from you
- How to get going

Perhaps because CRM is often made to sound so complicated with fancy jargon about things like database restructuring, it seems all too much to consider.

But you don't have to go through a process that bends you and your team out of shape. Nor do you need to stop doing business as normal while you consider how to get your customers to buy more, and stay loyal for longer.

Isn't that what a CRM program should give you? More sales.

Start with these ten simple questions. They'll help you decide if it is for you.

1. Do you really know what your customers want and expect of you—before and after they buy?

2. Can you deliver it? If not, what can you deliver now, and in the future?

3. At what points in the buying process should you be telling the customer what is going on to reassure them?

4. Can you identify these points?

5. Can you store them in a database?

If you have got this far and said yes, or a modified yes (i.e. you're willing!) you can go on.

If not, be very wary of proceeding any further without a lot of thought.

6. Can you tell your customers what you plan to do or have done? You must promise something you can deliver.

7. Can you monitor what you're doing? Can you always deliver what you promise?

8. Can you set up a procedure to ask customers how you're doing—and give them the chance to suggest improvements?

The last two are easy to say, but hard to keep to.

9. Listen to your customers.

10. Learn from them … and keep learning.

The truth is, CRM is much simpler than you think. People make it complicated. But that doesn't mean you must.

Thanks Mr. Bird! MarketingRx also recommends that you ask for outside help. We personally know at least three or four agencies out there who could help you. Right now I'd recommend the DM/CRM outfit of Dickie Soriano (BCD Pinpoint) that has a simple approach to CRM. Check them out along with the other agencies and consultants that you've researched and choose the one that you will answer and accomplish Mr. Bird's ten-point checklist above.

If you'd like to learn from Drayton Bird's upcoming Direct Marketing and CRM Forum this Aug. 24, please call 813-2732/03. *Keep your questions coming. Send them to us at MarketingRx@pldtDSL.net or text us at 0919-314-5412. God bless!*

THE PROMO will have 25 of the 124 islets of Pangasinan's Hundred Islands named after the lucky Japanese tourists.

DOT to 'raffle off' Hundred Islands to Japanese tourists

By Clarissa S. Batino

A PHILIPPINE island named Adachi, Kurosawa or Yamamoto.

Why not, according to Tourism Secretary Joseph Ace Durano, who went on an eight-day roadshow in Japan's three major cities in June to sell the Philippines to Japanese tourists and investors.

The Philippines is doing all it can to get a bigger share of Japan's 17.4 million outbound travelers this year, including raffling off some of its islands but only for naming rights.

'An island in your Name,' a promo proposed by Japan's H.I.S. Co. Ltd. will be launched by the Department of Tourism (DOT) in cooperation with Philippine Airlines on Oct. 1. H.I.S. is one of Japan's top three travel wholesalers with which DOT has tie-ups.

According Durano, the promo will have 25 of the 124 islets of Pangasinan's Hundred Islands named after the lucky Japanese tourists who will win in the grand five raffle draw in April 2006 in Tokyo, Japan. Promo period is from Oct. 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006.

"The 25 raffle winners, however, will not own the islands since these will remain owned by the city government of Alaminos, Pangasinan," Durano said. "Rather, they (Japanese winners) will have the prestige of having these islands named after them for a period of one year."

Qualified to join the promo are Japanese travelers who will buy from any H.I.S. outlet in Japan any Philippine tour package using PAL.

"All the 25 islands that will be named after the Japanese raffle winners are part of the Hundred Islands in Alaminos City, which has a cluster of 124 islets during low tide and 123 on high tide and is located west of the Lingayen Gulf, some 250 kilometers north of Manila," said Rosvi C. Gaetos, head of the DOT's Team Japan and Philippine commissioner-general for the World Expo 2005.

Japan is the country's second-largest source of tourist arrivals but what the Philippines had been getting was not even two percent of the total outbound Japanese each year. Of the 16.8 million Japanese who left their homes and traveled overseas in 2004, less than 2 percent went to the Philippines. Durano wants a million Japanese tourists by 2008.

Thus, the Department of Tourism launched a full offensive this year on the North Asian market, which includes China and South Korea.

But Japan's big-spenders, are naturally the biggest targets. Armed with Japanese consultants, the DOT launched the Philippines' premium island resorts campaign this year.

This campaign puts the Philippines specifically on the radar screen of Japanese travelers as the nearest tropical resort to Japan, accessible within 3 hours of plane ride on 66 flights a week out of Japan to the country's two major gateways—Manila and Cebu.

A tarsier mascot named Koko became the face of Philippine tourism in Japan.

To maximize his exposure and generate interests on his origins, Koko welcomes guests each day at the Philippines' exhibit at the World Expo in Aiichi.

Aside from the aggressive marketing campaign in the North Asian market, also crucial is, of course, the country's peace and order and political stability, according to travel agents.

Durano admits that security used to be a serious concern among Japanese tourists. This is why the DOT hired a public relations group to improve the Philippines' image on Japanese media.

"We think that the problem was lack of awareness or information, which fed on the negative perception," he said, adding that the ongoing campaign had been addressing that.

Similar campaigns are being pursued in China and South Korea, which appear to be paying off.

In the first quarter, arrivals from China are up slightly more than 100 percent and about 40 percent in South Korea. Durano says in the first four months, Thailand is only ahead of the Philippines by 5,000 in terms of South Korean travelers.

"We will overtake Thailand in South Korea by next year if not the end of this year," says the tourism chief.

The Philippines, he says, is the number one in South Korea's honeymoon market. An emerging tourism sector, what they call the ESL or English as Second Language, also promises a strong potential for the Philippines.

Thailand, of course, has its billion-dollar medical tourism. But the Philippines had started selling a similar package, considering the relatively affordable cost of services in the country.

Corporate leisure groups, says Durano, is also a key market. In Japan, he met with a senior official of Toyota so the company would consider sending their executives on a paid vacation to the Philippines.

Durano says the DOT is attacking all fronts and leaving no sector untapped to hit 5 million arrivals by 2010.

On the supply side, he says the government had been encouraging hotels and resort operators to expand. Infrastructure support on roads and ports is also being strengthened.

Accommodations are becoming problematic, especially during peak season. Durano says that by 2007, there would be 1,000 additional rooms on top of the existing 24,000.

Four Seasons Hotel is looking at Palawan, Cebu or Bohol. Shangri-la is expanding in Cebu and building a new resort in Boracay.

He says each tourist would mean additional jobs for unemployed Filipinos. Each tourist spends $90 a day, excluding accommodations, airfare and transfers.

Tourism now accounts for 3 percent of the country's gross domestic product. The 2.29 million foreign visitors last year generated close to $2 billion in receipts. Durano says this year, the fighting target is to hit 3 million.

The "An island in your name" campaign is supported by Alaminos City Mayor Hernani Braganza, and is seen to help in the development of the Hundred Islands as an emerging tourist destination in Northern Luzon, according to Gaetos of DOT.

Durano said "the recent signing of a memorandum of agreement among Alaminos City Mayor Hernani Braganza, Philippine Tourism Authority General Manager Robert Dean Barbers and Environment Secretary Mike Defensor, granting the city government proprietary rights over this national park, is therefore a welcome development."

Gaetos said the promo would further reinforce the country's image as a destination of 7,107 islands based on the ongoing "Premium Resort Islands Philippines" campaign in Japan.

Earlier, Durano said the Japanese market could contribute more than 25 percent, or over a million of the country's five million total target foreign arrivals by 2008.

In a related development, Durano has announced plans to relocate tourism offices in Japan to more strategic locations in Tokyo and Osaka to make them more accessible to Japanese clients and serve as a showcase of Philippine tourism.

Oil surges above $65 for first time on record

SINGAPORE—Oil prices raced above $65 for the first time on record on Thursday, as tightening US gasoline supplies added to anxiety over refinery snags and stability of crude supplies in the Middle East and North Sea.

US light sweet crude for September delivery was up 33 cents to a record-high of $65.23 a barrel in Asian trade, also the first time a front-month contract was trading above $65 since the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) launched crude futures trading in 1983.

Prices first touched $65 on Wednesday, before settling at $64.90, a bumpy 2.9-percent rise, and the contract's highest settlement on record.

London Brent also broke new records, trading at over $64 for the first time. The September-delivery contract was up 45 cents at $64.44 in early trade on Thursday.

"Gasoline inventories are down against last year. We have enough stocks for the winter but not for the summer. Therefore for the time being, prices should be at very expensive levels," said Tetsu Emori at Mitsui Bussan Futures.

The weekly US Energy Information Administration (EIA) report showed on Wednesday a 2.1-million barrel decline in gasoline stockpiles, sending prices of the motor fuel to a record-high settlement of $1.8963 a gallon, up 4 percent.

It was trading at a high of $1.9122 a gallon at 0457 GMT, up 1.59 cents.

"Stocks of finished gasoline have gone from tight to tighter over the past three weeks, drawing from the low of the previous five-year range to, most recently, 6 percent below it. And the refineries just keep' breaking down," French Societe Generale said in its weekly comment.

A rash of refinery problems in the United States has contributed to a 1.1-percent fall in refinery utilization at a time US gasoline demand is running at a robust 1.4 percent higher than a year ago in the past four weeks.

The weekly stocks data showed a more bearish 2.8-million barrel rise in crude oil stocks as imports hit their second-highest level ever, and a 2.6-million barrel increase in distillates stocks, which include the crucial winter heating fuels.

Oil prices have risen in nine of the past 11 sessions as the market has been edgy over possible instability in Saudi Arabia and Iran, Opec's two largest oil producers.

Worries about Saudi Arabia receded as US diplomatic missions in the kingdom reopened on Wednesday after closing for two days because of a threat of militant attacks.

But fears remained, with Britain warning this week that militants were in the final stages of planning attacks in Saudi Arabia, while Australia said it had received credible reports that extremists were planning strikes in the near future.

On its part, Iran defied demands that it halts all atomic work by breaking UN seals at a uranium processing plant on Wednesday, making the plant fully operational, and leaving the market jittery about US reactions to this latest move.

BP compounded worries over supply on Wednesday, saying its 120,000 barrel-per-day Schiehallion North Sea oilfield would be down until end-August as it repairs fire damage, against expectations the field would be back on stream more rapidly.

Unplanned closures and scheduled maintenance have cut around 10 percent of North Sea output in August. *Reuters*

At least 4 seen…

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partment of Finance said.

"The sale of our stake in PNB will generate a minimum of P2 billion for the national government," said Finance Assistance Secretary Gil Beltran in an interview. The amount will go directly to the Bureau of Treasury and then to the Department of Budget and Management for the government's cash operations.

PNB's privatization is expected to raise P10 billion. Of the amount, P8 billion will go to PDIC, which gained a significant stake in the bank after extending a P25-billion emergency loan together with the central bank in 2000.

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas and business sector leaders cited today's auction of PNB as a major boost to the government's privatization thrust.

BSP Governor Amando Tetangco said the sale of PNB would be the first major government privatization since 1997, when the government sold to Hong Kong's First Pacific group the right to develop the sprawling Fort Bonifacio military camp in Taguig.

Tetangco said the success of the joint sale of the government's and Lucio Tan's stakes in PNB would be seen by both local and international investors as a positive development for PNB and for the Philippine banking industry, in general.

The PNB stake is being offered at a floor price of P43 per share. ING Bank serves as the financial adviser of the sale.

"The level of investor interest clearly demonstrates the strategic value of PNB. The bank is the country's fifth largest bank with 324 branches nationwide and 97 offices overseas, and is the leading provider of remittance services for OFWs," said Alexander Pomento, head of research at Macquarie Securities Phils. Inc.

Randy Roxas, president of ATR Kim Eng Securities, added that the market was closely watching the joint sale process as it might result in further industry consolidation.

BPI Securities head of marketing Spencer Yap said he believed that the successful sale of PNB would build market confidence. "Besides providing much needed proceeds for the government, this transaction will also provide the impetus for further consolidations and foreign direct investments in the industry."

Sources in the banking industry said the three fund managers that have looked into PNB's books were keen on hooking up with a banking partner, preferably local banks that were not participating in the PNB bidding.

They are expected to pursue a "good bank, bad bank" strategy in PNB should they win today's bidding.

This strategy means the fund managers, most of which are into distressed asset management, could take over the non-performing assets of PNB while a partner bank could assume the commercial banking operations.

UnionBank, for instance, had announced a tie-up with Avenue Capital, an affiliate of Amroc Investments Asia, one of the largest privately owned distressed debt trading and investment management firms in the US.

Avenue Capital has done asset purchase deals in the Philippine market.

For its part, Marathon Asset Management is no stranger to PNB, having bought the bank's P4.8 billion worth of non-performing loans last February in partnership with Bank of America.

Newbridge Capital, owned by the Texas Pacific Group and Blum Capital Partners of the US, manages over $1.7 billion worth of capital.

Unocal group bags …

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prices," the DOE said.

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The Norad-funded project also shows that the country's recoverable petroleum resources can reach 8.9 billion barrels of fuel oil equivalent, including discovered petroleum reserves of 168 million barrels of oil, 3.841 trillion cubic feet of gas and 109 million barrels of condensate.

Apart from petroleum resources, the PECR-2 will include exploration and development of geothermal and coal resources.

Tsunami of retirees

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Dr. Alran Bengson, former health secretary and currently medical director of Medical City, said that his group was already in the process of getting this accreditation.

However, one of his senior managers said, "The government blows hot and cold on this issue of attracting retirees. We don't know who is really in charge, and how serious it really is."

It is recommended that government give this matter the highest priority, or else we will miss the tsunami of retirees. For those hospitals interested in this accreditation, they can start moving even without government help by looking at the following websites: http://www.jcaho.org and http://www.cms.hhs.gov/providers/fraud/.

(The author is the chair of Agriwatch, a private sector initiative; former Cabinet secretary for Presidential Flagship Programs and Projects, and former undersecretary for agriculture, and trade and industry. For inquiries and suggestions, email agriwatchphil@yahoo.com or telefax 8516635).

Asian markets hit new highs

SINGAPORE—Asian stock markets surged to multi-year peaks on a rosy corporate and economic outlook.

Signs of a strengthening Japanese economy and favorable Asian company results attracted foreign funds to the region's stock markets.

The yen climbed and Japanese government bond prices sank to an 11-month low.

Tokyo's benchmark Nikkei average closed up 1.4 percent and Hong Kong's Hang Seng rose 0.6 percent. Both reached their highest for more than four years and MSCI's index of non-Japan Asian shares was up 0.9 percent at about 2 p.m. yesterday.

"The market is finally starting to factor in the flood of good news we've had about the economy," said Yuuki Sakurai, portfolio manager at Fukoku Mutual Life Insurance Co., who helps manage around six trillion yen of assets. *Reuters*

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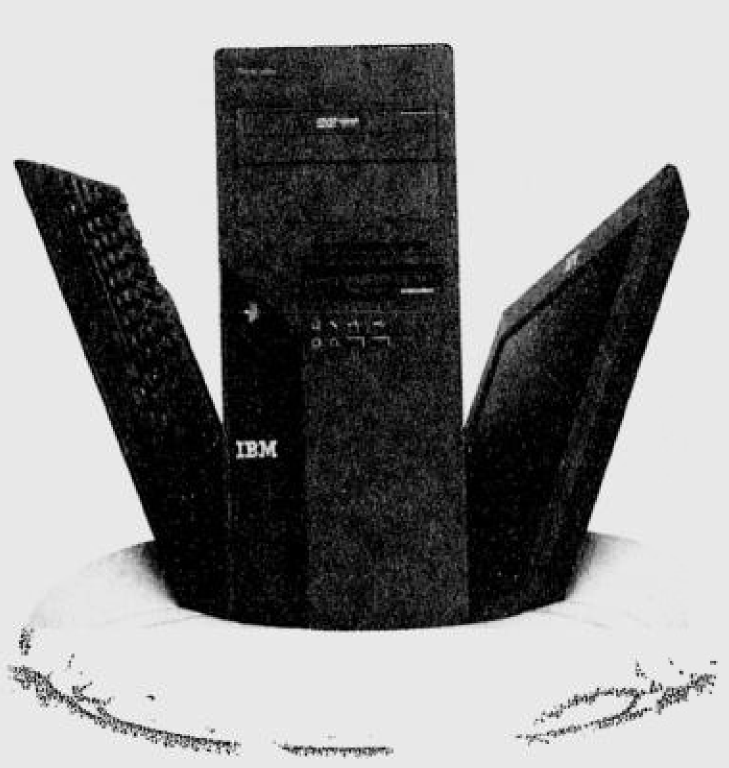

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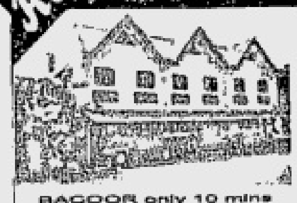

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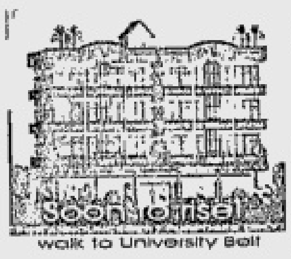

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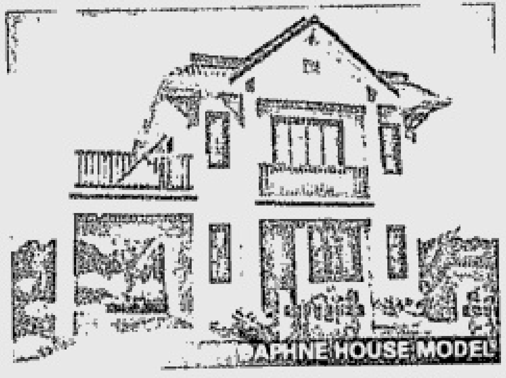

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Petitioner

- versus -

CIVIL CASE NO. 7496
For : Declaration of Nullity of Marriage

IAN E. YULIP,
Respondent

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ORDER

Finding the motion for leave to cause summons by publication filed by petitioner's counsel to be meritorious and well taken, same is hereby GRANTED.

Petitioner is a resident of No. 593 Curil Street, Barangay Camambugan, Daet, Camarines Norte whereas; respondent is a resident of Barangay Tulay na Lupa, Labo, Camarines Norte. The parties were legally married on September 30, 1987 at Daet, Camarines Norte and begot two (2) children namely: Karl John L. Yulip, 13 ½ years old and Karen Joy L. Yulip, 9 ½ years old. They have not entered into any kind of marriage settlement, but, petitioner acquired a parcel of land at Mambiga Daet, Camarines Norte covered by TCT No. T-30828. Respondent is suffering from psychological incapacity which disorder was existing at the time of the celebration of the marriage but became manifest only after the marriage as exhibited to wit: Before their marriage, respondent maintained intimate relationship with other women. When petitioner discovered it, she broke up with him but unable to bear the situation, respondent attempted to take his life by drinking insecticide (baygon insect killer). Anxious that he might do it again, petitioner reconciled with him. Even after their marriage, respondent continued his womanizing and worst, he was using marijuana considering his unusual, ostensibly bizarre and sickening behavior. In fact, sometime in 1989, respondent even offered herein petitioner to his barkada to satisfy his sexual desire, fortunately, petitioner was awakened and shouted for help. In May 1991, respondent went to Bahrain to work, but he seldom sent money. Petitioner learned later that he had already living in with her concubine in Bahrain. Concerned for the sake and well-being of their children, respondent severed his relationship with his concubine and they decide to live together again. In April 1995, respondent left for Kuwait. For the last five (5) months petitioner's letter to respondent remained unanswered. She inquired from respondent's relative his whereabouts but the same yielded negative results. From the time he left for Kuwait, petitioner never saw him again so she decided to file a case for Declaration of Presumptive Death in May 1992. However, news from his parents that respondent is still very much alive so she decided to withdraw the petition which led to its dismissal in January 2004. Petitioner later on learned why he did himself for a long time is that respondent had contracted a second marriage with a woman abroad. With the foregoing, respondent's actions are clear indications of his psychological incapacity to perform marital obligations. Petitioner is now making an application for provision of support pendent elite in favor of their two (2) children in the amount of Php 20,000.00 a month. Petitioner prayed that their marriage be declared as null and void and the amount of Php 20,000.00 a month be given to their children as final support.

WHEREFORE, pursuant to Sec. 14 Rule 14 of the Rules of Civil Procedure, let summons upon respondent Ian E. Yulip be effected by publication once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines at the expense of the petitioner. The aforesaid respondent is directed to answer within thirty (30) days from the last issue of the publication.

SO ORDERED.

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Regional Office 6
Jaro, Iloilo City

Standard Form Number: SF-GOOD-05
Revised on: July 28, 2004

RO6-2005-001
Supply of Vessel Iloilo

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The *National Food Authority, Region 6*, through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites shippers/vessel owners/contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the hereunder project:

Name of Project : Supply of Vessel
Location : Iloilo
Brief Description : Dispersal of Iron Fortified Rice (IFR) from Iloilo City Port: 197,500 bags to different port/provinces of Region 8 and 38,000 bags to Bacolod City, Negros Occidental

Lot No.	Destination	Volume (Bags)	Rate/Bag	Approved Budget for the Contract
1	Tacloban	58,000	28.60	1,658,800.00
2	Maasin	18,000	28.60	514,800.00
3	Naval	12,500	27.00	337,500.00
4	Catbalogan	29,000	31.00	899,000.00
5	San Jose	41,000	31.00	1,271,000.00
6	Guiuan	39,000	33.00	1,287,000.00
7	Bacolod City	38,000	12.15	461,700.00

Contract Duration : September - October, 2005
Delivery Period : September - October, 2005

Prospective bidders should have experience in undertaking a similar project within the last 2 years with an amount of at least 50% of the proposed project for bidding, and have key personnel and equipment (owned, leased or under purchase) available for the prosecution of the project. The list of minimum equipment requirement is indicated in the Eligibility Forms. The Eligibility Check/Screening as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids shall use non-discretionary "pass/fail" criteria. Post-qualification of the lowest calculated bid shall be conducted.

All particulars relative to Eligibility Statement and Screening, Bid Security, Performance Security, Pre-Bidding Conference(s), Evaluation of Bids, Post-Qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR).

The complete schedule of activities is listed, as follows:

Activities	Address	Date	Time
1. Issuance of Bid Documents	Conference Room, 2/F National Food Authority, Jaro Iloilo City	Aug. 12-22/05	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
2. Pre-bid Conference	Conference Room, 2/F National Food Authority, Jaro, Iloilo City	Aug 23/05	9:00 AM
3. Deadline for Submission & Receipt of Eligibility Requirements	Conference Room, 2/F Natinal Food Authority, Jaro, Iloilo City	Sept 5/05	9:00 AM
4. Opening of Bids	Conference Room, 2/F National Food Authority, Jaro, Iloilo City	Sept 5/05	9:30 AM
5. Bid Evaluation		Sept 6-7/05	
6. Post-Qualification		Sept 8-9/05	
7. Notice of Award		Sept 12/05	

Bid Documents will be available only to prospective bidders upon payment of a non-refundable amount of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) to the National Food Authority Cashier.

The National Food Authority, Region 6 assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of the bid.

The *National Food Authority, Region 6* reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

Approved by:

(Sgd.) VILMA H. ZARRAGA, MNSA
BAC Chairman

(PDI - Aug. 12 & 19, 2005)

Republika ng Pilipinas
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Kagawaran ng Tanggulang Pambansa
Department of National Defense

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

(Re-Bidding for the PN Jacinto Class Patrol Vessel Marine Engineering Upgrade)

1. The Department of National Defense (Armed Forces of the Philippines), through the General Appropriation Act and the AFP Modernization Program Act Trust Fund, intends to apply the sum of ***THREE HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR MILLION PESOS (PhP 354,000,000.00)*** being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for the Jacinto Class Patrol Vessel Marine Engineering Upgrade of Three (3) Jacinto Class Patrol Vessels (JCPVs) of the Philippine Navy. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid opening.
2. The DND/AFP now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the *Marine Engineering Upgrade of Three (3) Jacinto Class Patrol Vessels (JCPVs)* the Philippine Navy. The expected upgrade of GOODS or contract duration is 400 CALENDAR DAYS as per Bidding Documents. The description of an eligible Bidder is contained in Section II of the Bidding documents, ITB.
3. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act No. 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act", and is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, and to citizens or organizations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights or privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to Republic Act 5183 (R.A. 5183) and subject to Commonwealth Act 138 (C.A. 138). Only Bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check will be opened. The process for the eligibility check is described in Section II of the Bidding Documents, ITB. The bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid (LCB) shall advance to the post-qualification stage in order to finally determine responsiveness of the bid to technical and financial requirements of the project. The contract shall then be awarded to the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bidder (LCRB) who was determined as such during the post-qualification procedure.
4. Interested Bidders may obtain further information from the DND Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) Secretariat and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address specified below from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders from the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee in the amount of ***Thirty Five Thousand Pesos (Php 35,000.00)***. The method of payment will be in cash or thru cashier's check. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective Bidder or his authorized representative.
6. Bid opening shall be on September 20, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at *Silid Panday Pira, 1st Floor, Bulwagang Mabini, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City.*
7. The DND/AFP will hold a Pre-bid Conference open to all interested parties on September 8, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at the *Silid Panday Pira, 1st Floor, Bulwagang Mabini, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City.*
8. Bids and eligibility requirements must be submitted to the address below on or before 9:00 a.m. of September 20, 2005. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in any of the forms and corresponding amount allowed under RA 9184 and its IRR-A. Late Bids shall not be accepted.
9. The facilitate eligibility checking, manufacturers and/or prospective bidders who wish to participate in the public bidding are required to apply for registration with the DND BAC, through the DND BAC Secretariat, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled submission and opening of bids for the procurement of the projects they wish to participate in, pursuant to DND BAC Cir 01-2005 (download available at website below) dtd 12 May 2005.
10. The DND/AFP reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

DND BAC Secretariat Ext
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UNDERSECRETARY JOSE F SANTOS
Chairman, DND BAC

(PDI - Aug. 12 & 19, 2005)

GENERAL ITEMS FOR SALE

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

Legal Notice
Notice hereby given that the estate of the late FIDELA LEGASPI has been extrajudicially settled by her heirs Per Doc No.94,Page No. 20,Book XV,Series of 2005 Before Notary Public Sinforosa G. Gomez Makati City
(PDI- AUg.5,12,19,2005)

Notice is given that the estate of the late spouses LUIS G. PALABRICA and ADELAIDA RECINTO-PALABRICA has been extrajudicially settled among their heirs on July 25, 2005 before Erwin M. Layug Notary public in and for Lipa City as per Doc No. 436, Page No. 87, Book No. XVI, Series of 2005 (PDI-Jul 29, Aug 5, & 12 '05)

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late SPOUSES AVELINA MANALO SEVILLA AND FRANCISCO L. SEVILLA has been extrajudicially settled by and among their surviving heirs in an instrument acknowledged before Notary Public Esperanza Gilera Aclan (Doc. No. 4348,Page No. 71, Book No. IX) on July 23,2005 at Mabini,Batangas,Philippines.
(PDI July 29 & August 5 , 12,2005)

NOTICE OF LOSS

LOSS of Ayala Corp. Stck Cert. #44364 Issued 5.12.04 to Amado Marking.If no contest received, now cert. will be issued. (PDI-Aug. 12, 19 & 26, 2005)

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INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND TO BID

The Baguio Water District invites bidders to submit sealed bids for the procurement of three thousand (3,000) ½" Ø water meters as per the required specifications indicated in the bid documents to be secured from the Baguio Water District.

Interested accredited suppliers may obtain bid documents from the BAC-In house Secretariat, Baguio Water District, BWD Compound, Utility Road, Baguio City after payment of a non-refundable fee of one thousand pesos (P1,000.00) during office hours from 22 to 24 August 2005. For those who are interested but are not yet accredited by the Baguio Water District, you are requested to secure accredited forms from the BWD BAC Secretariat during office hours from 8 to 19 August 2005, upon payment of a non-refundable accrediation fee of P500.00.

A pre-bid conference shall be held on 29 August 2005 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the BWD Training Room, BWD Compound, Baguio City. Deadline for the submission of bids is on 12 September 2005, on or before 12:00 o'clock noon. Opening of Envelope A of eligible bidders shall follow at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day.

The bidder or his/her authorized representative shall personally submit all requirements insofar as the latter is authorized through a Special Power of Attorney.

The BAC-In house shall determine the eligibility of a prospective bidder using a non-discretionary "pass/fail" criteria.

The BWD reserves the right to reject any and all bids, declare a failure of bidding or not to award the contract as provided for under the pertinent provisions of RA 9184 or the Government Procurement Reform Act.

For further information, inquiries may be coursed through the BAC-In House Secretariat at the aforementioned address at telephone numbers (074) 444-7245.

(Sgd.) Atty. Ma. Luisa C. Tenedero
Chairman, BWD BAC-In House

(PDI–August 5 & 12, 2005)

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INVITATION TO BID

The Development Bank of the Philippines will receive sealed bids on Aug. 26, 2005, 2:00 pm., 2nd Floor-Conference Room of DBP Commonwealth Branch, Commonwealth Ave., Diliman, Quezon City for the following properties on CASH BASIS:

CODE	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	MINIMUM BID
CHATTELS (sale as one lot and "as is, where-is" basis)			
CWB-29	Bldng. 693 Gridley St., SRF Compound , Subic Bay Freeport Zone, Olongapo City	Various machinery and equipment for food processing(1-Fully Automatic Convection Conveyor Oven, 1-Automatic Turbo Dryer Convection Blower, 4-Universal Food Cooker, 2-Universal Mixing/Seasoning Machines, 2-High Pressure Boilers, 1-Vacuum Sealing/Packaging Machine, 1-Meat Rolling Machine, 1-Walk-in-Freezer, 1-Canning/ Seaming Machine, 1-Meat Slicer Machine, 4-Automatic Sealing Machines, 10 Fabricated Basins, 4-Active Stacking Tripods-High Grade, 6-Active Stacking Tripods, 10 Manual Sealing Machines	P8,000,000.00

BIDDERS ARE REMINDED:
1. To inspect the properties to determine their actual condition before the bidding.
2. To submit in DBP's official bid form available at the Acquired Asset Unit-Ground Floor, DBP-Commonwealth Branch during office hours; and
3. To be on time. No bids will be accepted once unsealing of the bids commences. The sale shall be subject to other terms and conditions which may be imposed by the Bank.

DBP RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, TO WAIVE ANY FORMALITY THEREIN, OR TO ACCEPT SUCH BIDS AS MAY BE CONSIDERED MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE BANK. THE DECISION OF THE BANK IS FINAL AND BINDING.

For inquiries, please call telephone numbers: 920-49-09/920-49-18/920-47-03
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Please take notice that on September 9, 2005 at 8:30 a.m. the motion for Approval of Final Project of Distribution of the Assets and Termination of the Liquidation Proceedings of the Rural Bank of Calumpit (Bulacan), Inc. will be submitted to the Liquidation Court (RTC, Malolos, Bulacan, Branch 21, Sp. Proc. No. 2019-M) for approval.

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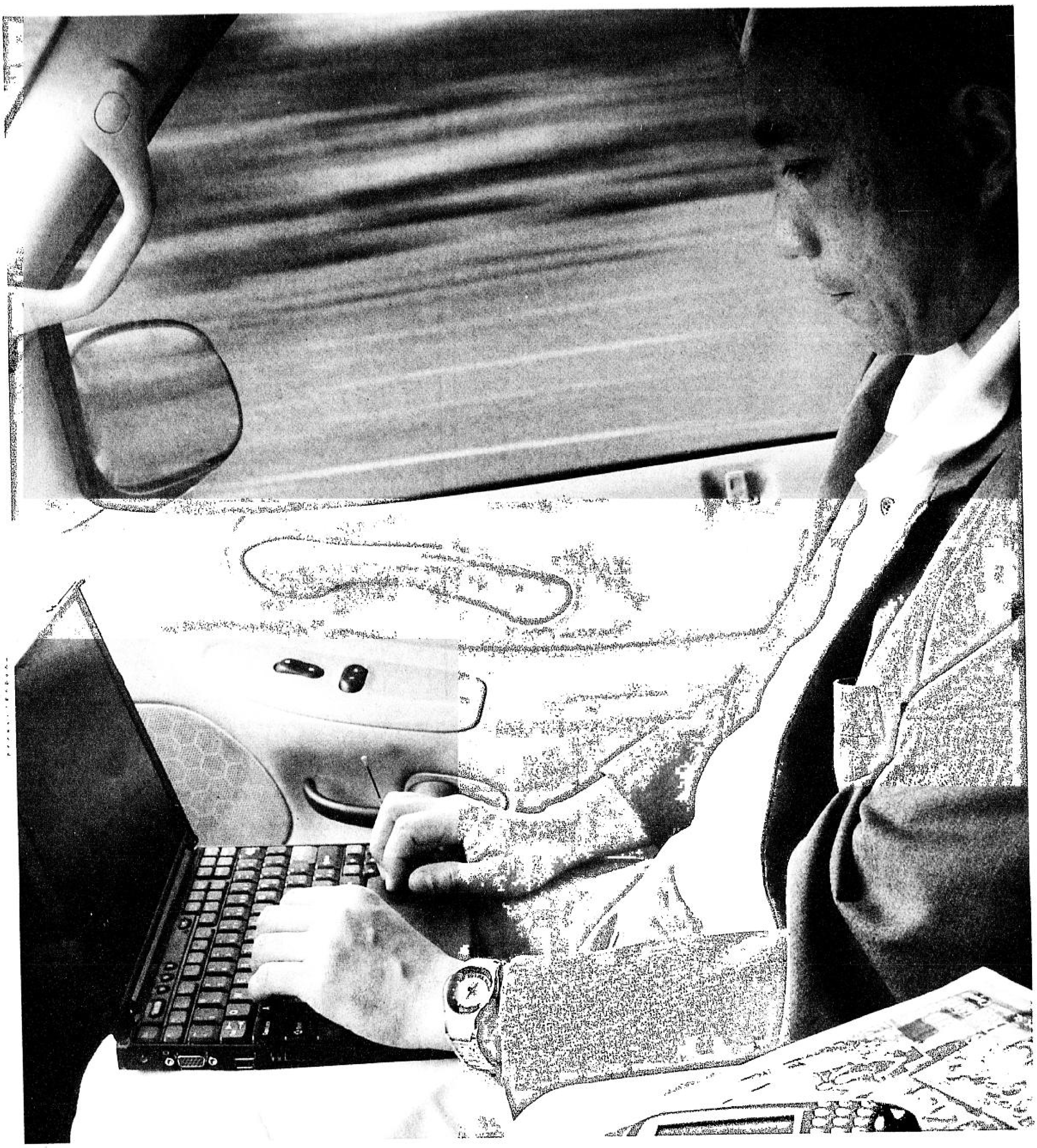

World Leading Semiconductor Manufacturer Cypress Finds the Ultimate Business Solution: PLDT WeRoam

As your car crawls through morning traffic enroute to your place of work, Lito Estacio is already in his. No, he didn't leave earlier than you did. He could actually be in the car behind you, commuting from his home in Alabang to the regional headquarters of Cypress Semiconductors, one of the world's leading manufacturer of electronic chips in Fort Bonifacio (ROHQ), or their world-class manufacturing plant in Cavite, Cypress Manufacturing Limited (CML). Everyday, Estacio, director of Cypress' IT group, opens his virtual office and is in contact with the multinational's worldwide operations, while most of us are still immobile in daily gridlock. "As early as six-thirty in the morning, I'm already plugged into our headquarters through PLDT WeRoam. I can electronically review status of projects, contracts, and organizational metrics. I start shooting off emails to all concerned to address issues and solve problems to get the business going effectively in this part of the world. I have actually become more productive during rush hour because I am virtually connected to my office-voice and data," he tells us happily. Three months ago, Estacio approved fifty PLDT WeRoam service units for key ROHQ and CML staff.

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Around the World's Clock

PLDT WeRoam has given the staff throughout Cypress more freedom in the way they work, especially those who remained on 24/7 call in Cypress' multinational network. About 50% of Cypress Semiconductors' IT professionals are located in the Philippines supporting worldwide operations. "Cypress is a data-driven company and relies heavily on effective communication tools. Prior to PLDT WeRoam, support engineers and professionals can only have access to these tools if they are in the office or either have WiFi or DSL. Not anymore. An engineer can travel from Cavite to Baguio and still be able to stay in touch with his customers or team either to provide key support decisions or assist in repairs - regardless of location and timezone. An engineer's life may not be perfect but he can make perfect moments with PLDT WeRoam," says Estacio.

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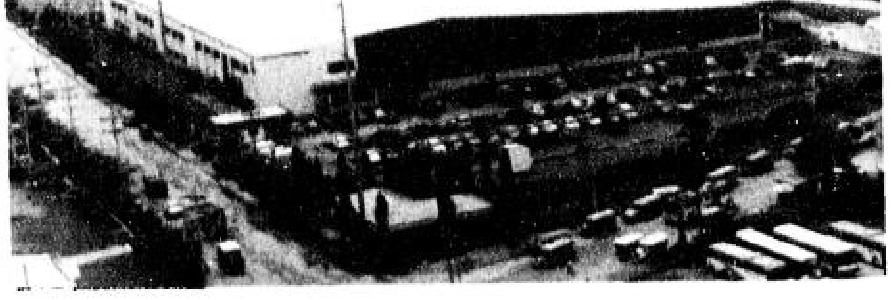

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26th MIBF slated at World Trade Center

THE BIGGEST names and upcoming players in the publishing industry are set to gather anew for the 26th Manila International Book Fair (MIBF), the country's paramount event for the book business. The MIBF celebrates the written word at a truly world-class venue, the World Trade Center Metro Manila, Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue corner Roxas Boulevard, from Aug. 31 to Sep. 4.

With the theme "It's hip to read!", the MIBF once again unites local and foreign publishers, wholesalers, retailers, book lovers and collectors, librarians, authors, publishers' representatives, and every major player in the publishing industry in its continuing efforts to promote books and reading.

Last year, the MIBF drew an unprecedented number of visitors in its five-day run. This year, the fair is set to attract even more participants and visitors from all over the Philippines.

The MIBF showcases the largest and most varied collection of printed works: literature, textbooks, educational supplements, general references, religious and inspirational titles, self-help books, management books, Filipiniana, coffee table books, popular novels, children's books, art books, graphic novels, rare and hard-to-find titles, magazines, audio and e-books, teaching supplies and services, publishers' technology, and travel materials.

In its 26 years, the MIBF has been instrumental in promoting books and literacy by giving publishers a venue to discuss and develop books, promote new titles and authors, and improve the quality of published works.

The MIBF will promote good reading habits through fun activities like quiz shows, storytelling sessions, and seminars. Various publishers will launch new titles right at the fair. They will also host book signings with the country's most respected authors. In addition, the MIBF serves as the venue for the 2nd Learning and Information Technology (Learn IT) Fair, which showcases the infinite uses of computers and technological gadgets as learning tools.

The MIBF also hosts two of the most prestigious book awards in the literary scene: the Gintong Aklat Awards and the National Book Awards.

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Rounding out the list of exhibitors are Rarebook Enterprises, Rex Book Store, Roman Instructional media Resources, Sinag-Tala Publishers, SIBS Publishing House, St Pauls, Straightlines International, Summit Publishing, TLFA Marketing Services, Tahanan Pacific, The Bookmark, The Catholic Book Center, Thomson Learning Philippines, University of the Philippines Press, UST Publishing House, Vibal Publishing House, WS Pacific Publications, Word & Life Publications, Word of Joy Foundation, and World Health Organization.

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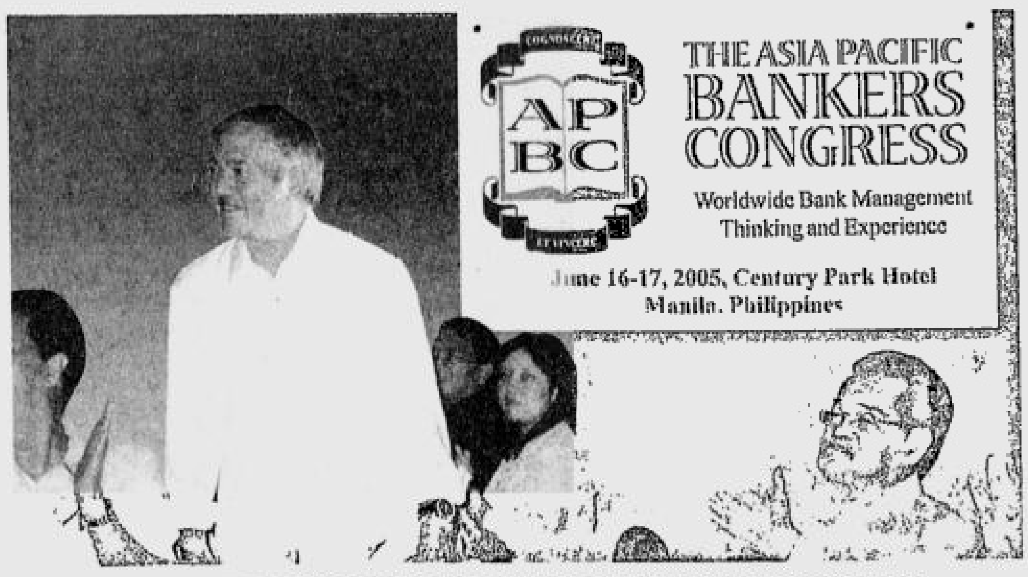
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THE REAL BANK SAVINGS ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN RECOGNIZED

The Real Bank's 'Bata... Bata... Mag-impok at Magsinop' Savings Advocacy Campaign was recognized as runner-up at the 6th Asian Banking Awards 2005 for Marketing, PR and Brand Management Category held June 17 during the Gala Dinner of the Asia Pacific Bankers Congress (APBC) at the Century Park Sheraton, Manila. The 6th Asian Banking Awards 2005 is Asian banking's most prestigious awards program held simultaneously with the annual Asia Pacific Bankers' Congress (APBC). The Real Bank's savings advocacy campaign, a joint project with the Department of Education, is now on its second year of helping children become nation builders by teaching them the important value of saving and the wise use of resources.

2005 ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR AWARDEE AT PRA CONFAB

2005 Entrepreneur of the Year awardee and National Bookstore founder and general manager Socorro 'Nanay' Ramos leads the impressive list of guests of the National Retailers Conference and Stores Asia Expo 2005 (NCRE) to be held at the Edsa Shangrila Hotel in Mandaluyong. Organized by the Philippine Retailers Association (telephone numbers 687-4180/4181; e-mail pra@nwave.net), the NCRE will be held from Aug. 17 to 19 (Expo) and Aug 18 and 19 (Conference). Shown are (from left) Evelyn Salire, secretary-general of PRA, Mars Chua, president of PRA, Ramos and Bienvenido Tantoco III, chair of PRA during a recent meeting.

DIPLOMATIC DINNER RECEPTION

Ambassador Lauro Baja Jr and his wife Norma C. Baja tendered a dinner reception for DFA Secretary Alberto G. Romulo and his wife at the Baja residence in New York. Baja is the Philippines' Permanent Representative to the United Nations and past president of the UN Security Council. UN Secretary General Kofi Annan and Baja congratulated Romulo for the successful UN Tripartite Conference for World Peace and Security held at the UN headquarters in New York, where Romulo was its presiding chair. The meeting was attended by Annan, UN representatives, religious leaders and government officials worldwide who gave their full support to the role of religion in the quest for world peace. Shown, from left, are Judy Araneta Roxas, Nane Annan, Lovely Romulo, Kofi Annan, Norma C. Baja, Lauro Baja and Alberto G. Romulo.

Kadayawan Festival at SM City Davao

SM CITY Davao joins in the celebration of Kadayawan with cultural shows, beauty contests, and performances by some of the country's top artists from Aug. 15 to 21.

Kadayawan is a time of thanksgiving for the gifts of nature, the wealth of culture, the bounties of harvest, and the serenity of living. It also showcases Davao's rich artistic, cultural and historical heritage.

Kadayawan, which began as a celebration among Davao's indigenous people, is derived from the word madayaw, which is a warm and friendly greeting. It was first institutionalized in 1986 as Apo Duwaling, and combined three famous icons in the city-Mt. Apo, the durian, and the waling-waling orchid. It was named Kadayawan two years later to highlight the spirit and indigenous theme of the celebration, and has since become the city's festival of festivals.

This year, SM City Davao plays host to the Mindanao Indigenous Dance Festival, one of Kadayawan's highlights. Scheduled at the mall's Entertainment Plaza on Aug. 16, 17 and 19, this will feature tribal dance performances interpreting religious epics, folklore, and tradition as performed by Mindanao's many art and culture ensembles.

Davao's tribal elders will spend an afternoon at the mall's Entertainment Plaza for the Davao Indigenous People's Festival on Friday, Aug. 19 at 1 p.m. It will be an afternoon of traditional songs and dances that will showcase Davao's rich cultural heritage.

It's also a time for beauty with the grand finals of the Hiyas ng Kadayawan pageant on Wednesday, Aug. 17 at the SM City Davao Entertainment Plaza. This will mark the culmination of the month-long search of this first-ever, one-of-a-kind gender-free beauty and personality pageant.

Some of the country's hottest artists will also grace the festival. Hale sets the rhythm with a pre-Kadayawan performance on Monday, Aug. 13, while Ella Mae Saison will hit high notes on Sunday, Aug. 21. Both performances will take place at the Entertainment Plaza at 4 p.m.

Capping the festivities is the live broadcast of ABS-CBN's "ASAP '05" on Sunday, Aug. 21 at 12 p.m., which will bring the spirit of the festival to all other parts of the country.

The Kadayawan festivities at SM City Davao are joint projects of the mall together with the City Tourism Office and the Kadayawan Foundation.

ProductFILES

Get deep with 'Phat Lip'

ENHANCE and improve your ride's looks and performance with Wheel Gallery's newest line of after market wheels. Dubbed as Concept One's "Twenty Inches Strong" or "Phat Lip" Series, the 20-inch wheels in chrome finish is the trend in the US and European markets. "It seems to be the fashion now, size 20-inch rims in chrome finish with extended lips. This is the next generation of blings," says Sammy Liuson, the man who put Filipinos on size 22 and 24 rims.

As a company known for setting the trend in the local tuning industry, Concept One's Phat Lip series are constructed with the patented hyper rivet casting process. The Phat Lip technology is engineered and designed to be deep inside the wheel, creating a unique and aggressive deep lip profile. It gives you the unique wide wheel look without the wheel extending past the wheel well. Phat Lip wheels are ideal for SUVs, European, Italian and Japanese luxury or compact sedans. TiS Phat Lip Wheels are imported from the US and is licensed by various international standard organizations like the Japan Wheel License (JWL), Vehicle Inspection Association (VIA), Specialty Equipment Manufacturer's Association (Sema), ISO9000, QS9000 and TUV. For inquiries, log on to www.conceptonewheels.com or visit its showroom at Kartek Center, 318 Santolan Road corner M. Paterno, San Juan or call 724-7176, 724-2739, or 726-0965.

Royal Brunei flies special athletes

ROYAL Brunei Airlines is the official carrier of the 20-member Special Olympics (SO) Philippines delegation to the 2005 SO Asia Pacific Bocce Competition to be held in Brunei Darussalam from Aug. 11 to 15. Bocce, likened to lawn bowling, is a game of skill and strategy. The object is for one team to get as many of their 4 wooden balls (boccia) closer to the pallina (the smallest ball) than the opposing team's closest ball. The SO Philippines Bocce team is composed of Edel Aclan, Gabrielle Gana, Margaret Babst, Clarisse Clemente, Julita Co, Jordan Cuenca, Cathy Demafiles, Josephine Morante, Mark Pescasiosa, Margie Rivera, Anna Luisa Se and Eugenio Torres. The team is head coached by Jesusa Babst and assisted by Ethel Tan, Christian Doroin, and Cristina Gacuma, who is also the assistant head of delegation next to SO Philippines president Alex Babst. For more information, call Alex Babst at 926-6946 or Cristy Canizares-Gacuma at Teacher-Mom, 899-3678.

Generic alternative of enalapril as effective as originator brand

AN AFFORDABLE branded generic of enalapril is as effective as the originator brand in lowering blood pressure, according to a local study.

The study, conducted at the Quirino Memorial Medical Center, involved 83 patients who took either a generic brand of enalapril or the originator brand. After four weeks, there was no difference in the systolic blood pressure (SBP) and diastolic blood pressure (DBP) reduction in both groups. The study also showed that there were no significant differences between enalapril 10mg and its originator brand in terms of changes in heart and respiratory rates. There were no reported side-effects in both groups.

Enalapril belongs to a class of anti-hypertensive medicines known as ACE inhibitor, which has been proved to be effective in treating hypertension and chronic heart failure. The drug is generally well tolerated and can reduce both the systolic and diastolic blood pressure by as much as 18 mmHg and 11 mmHg, respectively.

High blood pressure is a major risk factor for heart attack. The Philippine Heart Association estimates that 20 percent of adult Filipinos (roughly 18 million) are hypertensive.

One is said to have high blood pressure when the BP is equal to or higher than 140/90 mmHg. People with hypertension are at risk for heart attack, kidney failure and stroke. They are advised to eat a healthy diet, stop smoking, exercise regularly, and consult with their physician to help lower their blood pressure. Physicians may also prescribe hypertensive individuals with medications to better manage the condition.

Compared with other anti-hypertensive medications, enalapril is one of the least expensive. Pascual Laboratories' brand of enalapril is 50 percent more economical compared to other anti-hypertensive drugs. It costs P11 for 5 mg, P13.25 for 10 mg and P15.75 for 20 mg, unlike other leading brands of anti-hypertensive agents that cost P22.55 for 5 mg, P27.50 for 10 mg and P33 for 20 mg.

For any inquiries about Pascual's brand of enalapril, text HYP MESSAGE to 0920-9618126.

Enalapril should be purchased only with a doctor's prescription.

Republic of the Philippines
Supreme Court
Manila

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Supreme Court through its Committee on Bids invites prospective bidders and authorized distributors to apply for eligibility and to bid for:

NAME OF PROJECT : a) Office Supplies for Supreme Court
b) Hewlett Packard Toners and Inks

SEPARATE ITEMS FOR LOT BIDDING	APPROVED BUDGET	SOURCE OF FUNDING
Office Supplies for Supreme Court	P 6,935,970.525	General Appropriations Act-CY 2005
Hewlett Packard Toners and Inks	P 2,202,041.00	General Appropriations Act-CY 2005

PERIOD OF DELIVERY : Twenty (20) calendar days after issuance of Purchase Order

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES:

I. PRE-BID CONFERENCE

	Name of Project	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Office Supplies for Supreme Court	19 August 2005	2:00 p.m.	Session Hall, 3rd Floor Old building, Supreme Court, Taft Ave., Manila
2.	Hewlett Packard Toners and Inks	19 August 2005	3:00 p.m.	Session Hall, 3rd Floor Old Building, Supreme Court, Taft Ave., Manila

II. SUBMISSION OF ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

	Name of Project	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Office Supplies for Supreme Court	26 August 2005	2:00 p.m.	Session Hall, 3rd Floor Old building, Supreme Court, Taft Ave., Manila
2.	Hewelett Packard Toners and Inks	26 August 2005	3:00 p.m.	Session Hall, 3rd Floor Old Building, Supreme Court, Taft Ave., Manila.

III. SUBMISSION AND OPENING OF BIDS

	Name of Project	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Office Supplies for Supreme Court	02 September 2005	2:00 p.m.	Session Hall, 3rd Floor Old building, Supreme Court, Taft Ave., Manila
2.	Hewelett Packard Toners and Inks	02 September 2005	3:00 p.m.	Session Hall, 3rd Floor Old Building, Supreme Court, Taft Ave., Manila.

Interested bidders must not be related to the head of the procuring entity or any member of the Committee on Bids or its Secretariat either by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree.

Prospective bidders may secure eligibility requirements and bid documents from the Secretariat, Committee on Bids, 4th Floor Multi-Purpose Building, Supreme Court after payment of a non-refundable fee of **One Thousand Pesos (Php 1,000.00) for Office Supplies and Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) for Hewlett Packard Toners and Inks.** For additional information contact **the Secretary, Atty. Ennar R.C. Cabanilla at telefax no. 5251270 or Ms. Norma C. Josue at tel no. 5266401.**

The Committee on Bids reserves the right to: 1) reject any or all bids, 2) waive any defects or informalities therein, 3) or accept any bid/s or offer/s which it may consider to be most advantageous and beneficial to the government.

(Sgd.) JOSE P. PEREZ
Chairman

(PDI – August 5 & 12, 2005)

Department of Land Reform

INVITATION TO PREQUALIFY TO BID

Office Information Technology Equipment

The **Belgian Integrated Agrarian Reform Programme** (BIARSP) is a bilateral development programme between the Governments of the Philippines and Belgium. Its aim is to assist the Department of Land Reform (DLR) formerly Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) to successfully complete the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP).

BIARSP is currently on its third and final phase of implementation. BIARSP is regarded as one of the most important programmes for agrarian reform. It is highly regarded on account of its integrated approach covering not only agricultural support services but also education, public health and institutional capacity building.

To further strengthen the programme's implementation, BIARSP will purchase computer sets, laptops, printers, scanners, softwares, binding machines, LCD projectors, projector screens, digital cameras among others, for its lead implementing agency, the Department of Land Reform.

The BIARSP-Technical Support and Coordination Office (TSCO) therefore invites eligible companies to express their interest to prequalify to bid for the above office IT equipment. The equipment shall be delivered to the four (4) provinces of Region VII and four (4) provinces of Region IX.

Interested parties are invited to visit www.biarsptsco.org (OPPORTUNITIES – Tenders) for the detailed list of office equipment to be purchased as well as delivery destinations for the said equipment. Please submit proposed technical document with information such as company profile, proposed budgetary requirements, description/experience of similar assignments through any of the following:

E-mail: tsco@biarsp.org
Post: BIARSP – TSCO, 2nd Floor Sol Y Mar Bldg.,
Cor. Rizal Blvd. – San Juan Street,
Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental
Fax: (035) 422-7736

For further queries, please get in touch with Mary Marlyn C. Llosa, Administrative Officer, at tel. #s: (035) 225-5929; 225-5930; 225-8681; and 422-7459.

In view of the urgency of the proposed activity, interested parties are advised to submit their proposals not later than August 31, 2005.

(PDI–Aug. 12 & 14, 2005)

Department of Land Reform

TENDER NOTICE

Video Documentation for Health Component

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The Public Health (PH) component developed in coordination with the Department of Health (DOH) is granted a prominent importance in the BIARSP. This is done through the consolidation and development of an integrated Health District system able to deliver quality health care to the community.

A video documentation on the assisted health districts of BIARSP is needed in order to capture the various interventions in the realization of the objectives of the BIARSP PH component and to share field experiences.

The BIARSP-Technical Support and Coordination Office (TSCO) therefore invites eligible institutions and companies to express their interest in doing video documentation of the BIARSP-assisted health districts in Bohol, Negros Oriental, Zamboanga del Norte, and Zamboanga Sibugay.

Interested parties are invited to visit www.biarsptsco.org (OPPORTUNITIES – Tenders) for the detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) as well as template for budgetary requirements and relevant reference materials stated in the TOR. Please submit proposed technical document with information such as proposed methodology, company profile, budgetary requirements, key qualification of the video documentation team, description/experience of similar assignments through any of the following:

E-mail: tsco@biarsptsco.org
Post: BIARSP – TSCO, 2nd Floor Sol Y Mar Bldg.,
Cor. Rizal Blvd. – San Juan Street,
Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental
Fax: (035) 422-7736

For further queries, please get in touch with Ma. Teresa C. Valencia, IEC Officer, at tel. #s: (035) 225-5929; 225-5930; 225-8681; and 422-7459.

In view of the urgency of the proposed activity, interested parties are advised to submit their proposals not later than September 2, 2005.

(PDI–Aug. 12 & 14, 2005)

We are urgently in need of:

- **CASINO MANAGER**
  - 25 years management experience in associated industry
  - Must have five (5) years extensive experience as Casino Manager
  - Must have extensive trainings in planning, administration, logistics, and man-management
  - Male, at least 40 to 55 years of age
  - Must be physically and mentally fit, fluent in English
- **SHIFT MANAGER**
  - Male 30 to 45 years of age; physically & mentally fit
  - 10 years experience in casino business
  - At least 5 years experience as pit manager position
  - At least 3 years experience as shift manager position
  - With full knowledge in table games operation concerning hold percentage, production levels, scheduling and administration, and marketing strategy
  - Full knowledge of table games financial report
  - Must be with mastery of all types of table games
  - Fluent in English
- **SURVEILLANCE MANAGER**
  - Minimum of 10 years experience as surveillance manager
  - Experience in other South East Asian casino as surveillance manager or assistant manager
  - Knowledge in other South East Asia languages is an advantage
  - Thorough knowledge of all casino games in South East Asia
  - Male & must be 40 to 45 years of age; fluent in English

Interested applicants may send their comprehensive resumé with 2x2 colored photo together with other credentials to:

Personnel Officer
Subic Diamond Entertainment Corporation
408 Waterfront Road,
Subic Bay Freeport Zone 2200

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
SUGAR REGULATORY ADMINISTRATION
North Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City
P.O. Box 70, U.P. Diliman, Quezon City
TIN 000-784-336-000

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be accepted and thereafter opened on September 7, 2005 at the time set hereunder, at the Training Room, Main Building, Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA), North Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City, for the sale of the following SRA lots.

A. SRA Commercial Lots at Sugartowne, Batasan Hills, Quezon City

LOCATION	TCT	LOT AREA	COST/SQ.M.	MINIMUM SELLING PRICE
Blk 29, Lot 1A	238385	380 sq.m.	Php 6,000.00	Php 2,280,000.00
Blk 15, Lot 38	133294	779 sq.m.	6,500.00	5,063,500.00
Blk 33	133888	2,499 sq.m.	6,000.00	14,994,000.00
		3,558 sq.m.		Php 22,337,500.00

B. Lot No. 2293-A in front of Villa Del Sol at Barangay Magliman, San Fernando, Pampanga

LOCATION	TCT	LOT AREA	COST/SQ.M.	MINIMUM SELLING PRICE
Lot No. 2293-A	96098-R	20,000 sq.m.	Php 500.00	Php 10,000,000.00

Bid forms including the Rules and Regulations and other documents pertinent to the sale of lots at Php1,000.00 per bid per individual lot shall be issued by the Secretariat, SRA Disposal Committee starting August 26, 2005.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES	DATE OF ACTIVITY
Issuance of Letter of Intent and Prequalification Forms	August 11-19, 2005
Deadline for the submission of Letter of Intent and Prequalification Requirements	August 22, 2005
Issuance of Bid Forms and the Rules and Regulations on the sale of lots	August 26, 2005
Pre-Bid Conference	August 31, 2005 9:00 AM
Public Bidding	September 7, 2005 9:00 AM

The purpose of the Pre-Bidding Conference is to address issues regarding the disposal of the lots at the SRA, Training Room, North Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City.

All bids must be accompanied by a deposit either in cash or Manager's/Cashier's check equivalent to 10% of the total bid price.

For inquiries, please call:
The Disposal Committee Secretariat
Tel. No. 929-6837

The SRA reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any formality or defect therein, and to accept any or all offers that may be considered most advantageous to the SRA.

(Sgd.) AIDA F. IGNACIO
Chairperson, Disposal Committee

(PDI - Aug. 10, 11 & 12, 2005)

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF LAND REFORM
Provincial Land Reform Office
Daet, Camarines Norte

NOTICE OF COVERAGE

Pursuant to Section 7 of Republic Act (RA) No. 6657, otherwise known as the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law of 1988, the Republic of the Philippines, thru the Department of Land Reform (DLR), hereby subjects under the coverage of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) your landholding with the following description:

	Landowner	Location	Title	Area (has.)
1	Carlos Fermo	Alayao, Capalonga, Camarines Norte	P-2896	11.7131
2.	Dionisio Abenza	Alayao, Capalonga, Camarines Norte	P-1992	17.5741
3.	Enrico Fermo	Alayao, Capalonga, Camarines Norte	P-4988	23.5426
4.	Isauro Fermo	Alayao, Capalonga, Camarines Norte	P-2694	12.7015
5.	Jose Mikambil	Alayao, Capalonga, Camarines Norte	P-771	23.2568
6.	Liza & Lina Nava	Alayao, Capalonga, Camarines Norte	T-60000	10.0000
7.	Zosimo Lerum	Binawangan, Capalonga, Camarines Norte	P-542	9.1604
8.	Gregorio Jacob	Catabaguangan, Capalonga, Camarines Norte	T-3234	13.0000
9.	Carlos Fermo	Itok, Capalonga, Camarines Norte	T-7161	6.0278
10.	Demetrio Sarmiento	Itok, Capalonga, Camarines Norte	P-1437	18.9709
11.	Vicente Fermo	Mabini, Capalonga, Camarines Norte	P-1536	10.8295
12.	Maximino Gonzales	Mactang, Capalonga, Camarines Norte	P-847	14.2114
13.	Felix Velacruz	Mataque, Capalonga, Camarines Norte	P-2244	6.5896
14.	Hilaria Fermo	San Isidro, Capalonga, Camarines Norte	P-2175	10.9160
15.	Milagros Fermo	Alayao, Capalonga, Camarines Norte	P-4984	12.2105
16.	Paquito Fermo	Alayao, Capalonga, Camarines Norte	P-4985	12.8022
17.	Nora Fermo de Almira	Alayao, Capalonga, Camarines Norte	P-2767	12.9517
18.	Felipe J. Pica	Alayao, now Magsaysay, Capalonga, Cam. Norte	P-2239	9.4432
19.	Damaso Talento	Caican, Capalonga, Camarines Norte	P-317	16.1663
20.	Liz Eustaquio	Magsaysay, Capalonga, Camarines Norte	P-2990	3.6120
21.	Santiago Garcia	Plandel, Basud, Camarines Norte	P-866	9.2052
22.	Corazon Madrona	Capacuan, Paracale, Camarines Norte	T-14072	12.9469
23.	Quezon Dev't. Bank	Matoogtoog, Mercedes, Camarines Norte	643, Pls-677-D	5.4857
24.	Dominga Mago/QDB	Baay, Labo, Camarines Norte	T-547	14.9668
25.	Pedro Pica, Jr.	Tigbinan, Labo, Camarines Norte	P-4809	13.6400
26.	Ernesto Moreno	Mahawan-hawan, Labo, Camarines Norte	T-20918	8.4754
27.	Sps. Tonbio Genciana and Ilumnada Madera	Bagong Silang II, Labo, Camarines Norte	T-15533	5.7868
28.	Tonbio Genciana	Bagong Silang I, Labo, Camarines Norte	P-1550	4.0901
29.	Tonbio Genciana	Bagong Silang II, Labo, Camarines Norte	34, Pls-340	3.6394
30.	Nestor Ramos	Palale, Labo, Camarines Norte	P-4118	7.2025
31.	Elisa Acula Ramos	Palale, Labo, Camarines Norte	P-4119	9.5080
32.	Alan Inocalla	San Rafael, Jose Panganiban, Camarines Norte	P-1616	15.2069
33.	Felomina Lamadrid	San Rafael, Jose Panganiban, Camarines Norte	P-534	9.9718
34.	Silverio Escio	San Rafael, Jose Panganiban, Camarines Norte	P-2279	13.6985
35.	Dionesia Icallo	San Rafael, Jose Panganiban, Camarines Norte	P-607	10.2649
36.	Dionesia Icallo	San Rafael, Jose Panganiban, Camarines Norte	P-3706	12.0959
37.	Dionesia Icallo	San Rafael, Jose Panganiban, Camarines Norte	P-1597	10.9223
38.	Marcelino Tardecilla	Dahican, Jose Panganiban, Camarines Norte	P-4129	22.8060
39.	George Escio	San Rafael, Jose Panganiban, Camarines Norte	P-6067	16.5993
40.	George Escio	San Rafael, Jose Panganiban, Camarines Norte	P-4271	20.6828
41.	Eulogia Estela	San Jose, Jose Panganiban, Camarines Norte	T-2609	11.2848
42.	Carmen Ambas	San Jose, Jose Panganiban, Camarines Norte	P-3467	6.2096
43.	Corrado Villaluna	San Pedro, Jose Panganiban, Camarines Norte	P2358	18.7355
44.	Bolmark Realty & Dev. Corp.	Kagtalaba, Sta. Elena, Camarines Norte	T-251038	6.0971
45.	Bolmark Realty & Dev. Corp.	Kagtalaba, Sta. Elena, Camarines Norte	T-251039	11.1891

Whenever applicable, you have the right or privilege to

1. apply for an exemption clearance or for exclusion from CARP coverage,
2. choose your retention area not exceeding five (5) hectares pursuant to Section 6 of R.A. No. 6657;
3. nominate your children who may qualify as preferred beneficiary/ies to the subject landholding.

To exercise any of the above rights/privileges, the necessary application or petition should be filed before the Government incurs any expense necessary for acquisition and distribution of the subject landholding, within thirty (30) calendar days from receipt of this Notice of Coverage (NOC) or in cases when publication is necessary thirty (30) days from the date of its publication.

Within thirty (30) days from receipt of this NOC, you are required to submit to the DLR Provincial Office (DLRPO) a sketch map of the area you intend to retain. Otherwise, the DLR will identify and choose the retention area in your behalf.

The privilege to nominate your children who may qualify as preferred beneficiary/ies is waived if you fail to submit to the DLR Municipal Office (DLRMO), within thirty (30) days from receipt of this NOC, the proper application with the complete names of your nominees, their address, birth dates, and other relevant information.

Please submit to the DLRMO, within thirty (30) days from publication of this NOC, a Statement of Production and Net Income, or the applicable audited financial statement, which shall include, among others, total production and cost of operations on a per crop basis and selling price/s (farm gate) on the said landholding which shall be considered in the determination of the land value pursuant to Section 17 of R.A. No. 6657 and other applicable rules and regulations. In the event that you fail to submit the above documents within the prescribed period, the DLR and LBP shall adopt applicable industry data or in the absence thereof, conduct an industry study on the specific crop which shall be used in determining the production, cost and net income of the subject landholding.

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 405, dated 14 June 1990, the LBP shall determine the land value of the subject landholding. You shall be notified accordingly as soon as the DLR receives the LBP's Memorandum of Valuation.

July 13, 2005.

(Sgd.) HUBERTO L. VILLARAZA, CESO V

(PDI – August 12, 2005)

Rotary District 3830 service to youth rotary seminar

ROTARY International District 3830 will conduct a Service to Youth Rotary Seminar at the Makati Sports Club on Saturday, Aug. 13 at 8 in the morning. The activity is jointly organized by the Rotary Clubs of Makati - Northeast, Muntinlupa - South, Muntinlupa - Southwest, and lead host club the Rotary Club of Makati - Dasmarinas. The Rotary puts the youth high on its priorities. It sponsors the largest privately funded international scholarship program in the world, benefiting 34,000 students in over 100 countries who have become Rotary's cultural ambassadors, using the skills they have acquired from their studies abroad to help their communities.

BELL 412 HELICOPTER CREW NEEDED

4 Pilots w/ ATPL License and Instrument Rating

Min. 2000 hrs PIC Helicopter 500 hrs on Bell 412 or similar type. Will consider training, if qualifications merits. Not older than 58 years old by Oct. 05, Al Khafji Base. Salary starts $6,000 USD per month plus benefits depending on qualifications.

2 412 Mechanics w/ factory training and FAA or ATO License.

Min. 5 yrs. experience with Bell 412.
Salary starts at $3,5000 USD per month plus benefits depending on qualifications

Submit resumé by Aug. 19 to:

Air Ads, Inc.
Air Ads Corporate Aviation Center
Andrews Avenue, Domestic Airport
Pasay City
Tel. No. 632 833 3264
Fax No. 632 831 4939

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS
LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE
East Avenue, Quezon City
E-mail Address: ltombox@lto.gov.ph • Website: www.lto.gov.ph

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 637-2005
26 July 2005

TO : Regional Director, Assistant Regional Director, Heads of District Office and Personnel Concerned

SUBJECT : COLLECTION OF COMPUTER FEEDS FOR LETAS

Upon the successful completion of the functional and operational testing, Certificates of Acceptance of an IT Facility (CAIF's) for the following Law Enforcement and Traffic Adjudication System (LETAS) modules were issued at the following sites:

Batangas District Office	January 27, 2003
Gumaca District Office	December 4, 2002
Angono District Office	January 27, 2003

Law Enforcement and Traffic Adjudication System (LETAS)

1. Admitted Case Settlement with Report Generation
2. Contested Case Settlement with Report Generation
3. Clearance

Accordingly, pursuant to the LTO Information Technology Project Build-Own-Operate Agreement of the UAT Plan, you are hereby directed to commence the collection of the below specified computer fees for the modules of LETAS applicable to your respective sites as to follows:

		Computer Fee	VAT	Total
1	Admitted Case Settlement	P48.00	P4.80	P52.80
2	Contested Case Settlement	P48.00	P4.80	P52.80
3	Clearance	P48.00	P4.80	P52.80

All orders/memoranda in conflict herewith are deemed superseded.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect after publication from three (3) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

For strict compliance.

(Sgd.) ANNELI R. LONTOC
Assistant Secretary

CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FACILITY

The LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) hereby certifies that the following Law Enforcement And Traffic Adjudication System (LETAS) modules:

1. Batch Report
2. Simple Admitted Cases
3. Apprehension Ticket Audit Report
4. Daily Apprehension Report
5. District Office Summary of Apprehension Report

Previously ACCEPTED at the Model District Office, System Management Center Building, LTO Main Compound, East Avenue, Quezon City, have undergone at least fourteen (14) days of smooth operations at the

Gumaca District Office

and that the Information Technology facilities at the above stated site

ACCEPTED on December 4, 2002

pursuant to the LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE-INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECT BUILD-OWN-OPERATE AGREEMENT

Certified by the
LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE

By: ROBERTO T. LASTIMOSO
Assistant Secretary

CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FACILITY

The LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) hereby certifies that the following Law Enforcement And Traffic Adjudication System (LETAS) modules:

1. Batch Report
2. Simple Admitted Cases
3. Multiple Admitted Cases
4. LETAS Audit Reports • Apprehension Audit Report
5. LETAS Daily Reports • Daily Apprehension Report

Previously ACCEPTED at the Model District Office, System Management Center Building, LTO Main Compound, East Avenue, Quezon City, have undergone at least fourteen (14) days of smooth operations at the

Batangas City District Office

and that the Information Technology facilities at the above stated site

ACCEPTED on January 27, 2003

pursuant to the LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE-INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECT BUILD-OWN-OPERATE AGREEMENT

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Assistant Secretary

CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FACILITY

The LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) hereby certifies that the following Law Enforcement And Traffic Adjudication System (LETAS) modules:

1. Batch Report
2. Simple Admitted Cases
3. Multiple Admitted Cases
4. LETAS Audit Reports • Apprehension Audit Report
5. LETAS Daily Reports • Daily Apprehension Report

Previously ACCEPTED at the Model District Office, System Management Center Building, LTO Main Compound, East Avenue, Quezon City, have undergone at least fourteen (14) days of smooth operations at the

Angono Extension Office

and that the Information Technology facilities at the above stated site

ACCEPTED on January 27, 2003

pursuant to the LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE-INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECT BUILD-OWN-OPERATE AGREEMENT

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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 638-2005
01 August 2005

TO Regional Director, Assistant Regional Director, Heads of District/Licensing/Extension Offices and Personnel Concerned

SUBJECT COLLECTION OF COMPUTER FEEDS FOR LETAS

Upon the successful completion of the functional and operational testing, Certificates of Acceptance of an IT Facility (CAIF's) for the following Law Enforcement and Traffic Adjudication System (LETAS) modules were issued at the sites and on the dates stated in the attached schedule

Law Enforcement and Traffic Adjudication System (LETAS)

1. Admitted Case Settlement with Report Generation
2. Contested Case Settlement with Report Generation
3. Clearance

Accordingly, pursuant to the LTO Information Technology Project Build-Own-Operate Agreement of the UAT Plan, you are hereby directed to commence the collection of the below specified computer fees for the modules of LETAS applicable to your respective sites as follows

		Computer Fee	VAT	Total
1.	Admitted Case Settlement	P48.00	P4.80	P52.80
2.	Contested Case Settlement	P48.00	P4.80	P52.80
3.	Clearance	P48.00	P4.80	P52.80

All orders/memoranda in conflict herewith are deemed superseded.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect after publication from three (3) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines

For strict compliance.

(Sgd.) ANNELI R. LONTOC
Assistant Secretary

	List of sites:	Date CAIF Issued
1.	Alaminos District Office	March 11, 2005
2.	Candon District Office	March 11, 2005
3.	Dagupan District Office	March 11, 2005
4.	Laoag District Office	March 11, 2005
5.	Lingayen District Office	March 11, 2005
6.	Tayug Extension Office	March 11, 2005
7.	Urdaneta District Office	March 11, 2005
8.	Vigan District Office	March 11, 2005
9.	San Fernando - Regional Office 1	March 11, 2005
10.	Batac District Office	February 21, 2005

(PDI - Aug. 12, 2005)

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Wilfredo C. Tuanqui

PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER OF SK LABORATORIES, INC.

Peacefully joined his Creator on 10th day of August 2005 at the age of 71.

His loving wife **Dory**: children **Wilma & Hooell, Wally & Cherry, Winston, Willy, John & Jackie, Winnie, Jane, Winsie Jane**; grandchildren **Jasmine, Waldo, Adora, Reina, Lovely & JR**, request your prayers for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Loyola Memorial Chapels, Premier I, Guadalupe Viejo, City of Makati.

Interment will be held on Sunday, 14th day of August 2005 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Premier Chapel. Interment place will be at the Loyola Memorial Park, Sucat, Parañaque.

With deepest sorrow.
We announce the passing of

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of Candon, Ilocos Sur and Los Baños, Laguna

January 14, 1934 - August 9, 2005

He will be missed deeply by his loving wife, **ARING** & daughter **LISA**, son-in-law **LAF** & granddaughters **SAM & ALY**.

His remains lie in state at the St. Therese Church, Kanluran Road, U.P. Los Baños, Laguna.

Interment will be at the Los Baños Memorial Cemetery on Sunday, August 14, 2005 after the 2:00 PM mass at St. Therese Church.

In Loving Memory
on the
First Death Anniversary
of

Rufino "Raffy" Belen

who peacefully joined our Creator
on August 12, 2004

His family and loved ones request
relatives and friends to join them in
praying for the eternal repose of his soul.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life.
He who believes in Me will live,
even though he dies; and whoever believes
in Me will never die." John 11:25-26

In Loving Memory

Twenty Eighth Death Anniversary

JUAN P. GARCIA

(October 26, 1910 – August 12, 1977)

Holy Masses for his eternal peace and happiness will be offered at the following churches today, August 12, 2005.

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LADY AVEGEIL GELLADO AGUDERA
with Application for Declaration as
Abandoned Child.

JDRC No. 6853

SPOUSES JEFFERY E. GUEVARA and
EVELYN A. GUEVARA, petitioners
x-------------------------------------x

ORDER

This refers to a verified petition for the adoption of minor Lady Avegeil Gellado Agudera filed by petitioners Sps. Jeffery E. Guevara and Evelyn A. Guevara, praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, judgment be rendered to the effect that the minor be freed from all legal obligations of obedience and maintenance with respect to her natural parents, and be, for all legal intents and purposes, the child of petitioners, and be issued a new Certificate of Birth.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the initial hearing of this petition be set on August 24, 2005 at 8:30 in the morning to be held at the 2nd Floor, Room 205, Justice Hall Building, Rizal Provincial Capitol Compound, Pasig City.

Let this order be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the region and elected by raffle under the supervision of the Executive Judge.

Furnish the OSG, petitioners and their counsel a copy of this order.

SO ORDERED.

July 13, 2005
Pasig City, Metro Manila

(Sgd) LORIFEL LACAP PAHIMNA
Judge

(PDI- August 5, 12, 19, 2005)

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

PNOC-Energy Development Corporation (PNOC-EDC) invites interested contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the project:

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The Approved Budget is **PhP 17,526,100.00** chargeable against PNOC-EDC fund. The contract duration is One (1) year.

Application Forms for Eligibility and Bid Documents may be secured from the PNOC-EDC Contracts Administration Group (c/o N.P. Calling) starting **August 4, 2005** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Pesos: Two Hundred (Php 200.00)

For the purpose of clarifying certain issues, a pre-bid conference will be held on **August 12, 2005, 10:00 a.m. at PNOC-EDC/NNGP Admin Complex, Brgy. Mailum, Bago City, Negros Occidental.**

Applications for Eligibility and sealed bids shall be received by the PNOC-EDC Contracts Administration Group at PNOC-EDC, 1st Floor Building 5, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City, Metro Manila, **not later than 2:00 p.m. on August 30, 2005** and shall be publicly opened immediately thereafter.

PNOC-EDC reserves the right to reject any or all bids or parts thereof, to waive any informality therein, to abort the bidding process, to accept such bids or to award any part of the work to any bidder whose bid is considered most advantageous to PNOC-EDC.

BAC CHAIRMAN

(PDI--August 12, 2005)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Please be informed that PROVISIONAL RECEIPTS (PR's) issued to our three (3) collecting banks with the following numbers are hereby declared null and void effective July 19, 2005.

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(PDI – August 12, 2005)

HACIENDA LUISITA CLOSURE

Sugar supply threatened

By Christine A. Gaylican

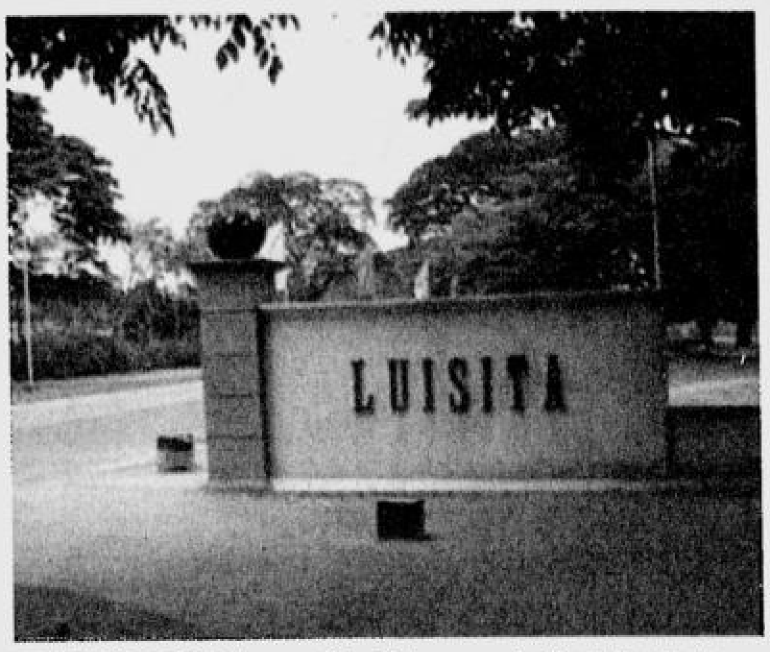
THE CLOSURE of the Hacienda Luisita in Tarlac has tightened the supply of sugar here in Luzon, the Sugar Regulatory Authority yesterday said.

The grim labor dispute that led to the temporary closure of Hacienda Luisita had a direct impact on sugar supply. On the average, the sugar facility would mill 80,000 tons a year, said SRA Administrator James Christopher Ledesma.

"This has affected the supply situation here in Luzon," Ledesma said. "So far, we are acquiring [sugar] from the Visayas region to augment the supply here."

He added that with the closure of the sugar facility in Tarlac, the sugar mills in Pampanga could not accommodate the sugar canes being harvested from the two adjoining provinces.

The closure also affected the country's total sugar production this year, which has already gone down to 2.15 million metric tons as compared to the 2.2 million metric tons of last year's cropping season, Ledesma said.



THE TEMPORARY closure of the Tarlac sugar facility belonging to the Cojuangcos has led to a disruption in supply. But sugar producers welcomed the news due to the increase in mill gate prices.

However, the tightening of supply due to low production has propped up prices at the farm gate, he added.

Prices are now hovering between P800 to P900 for every 50-kilogram bag as compared to the P740 posted last year.

"This will encourage more farmers to plant next cropping season," he said.

The relative downtrend in the country's sugar production is likely to reverse in the 2006-2007 crop year, he said.

The substantial recovery in sugar prices since the start of the year could also prompt producers to move back to cane farming, Ledesma said.

The current average mill gate price is around P850/50kg bag.

"I believe the regime of strong prices will continue, and that usually brings about a rebound in production," Ledesma told the INQUIRER. "Despite the high cost of fertilizers, proper cultivation approaches will (be revived) and we will achieve a recovery in production."

However, any excess in production in 2006-2007 crop year isn't likely to put pressure on prices, he said.

"By then, we're anticipating that several ethanol plants may already be in operation," Ledesma said. "Any excess will be absorbed by ethanol plants, so production increases ... will be more sustainable."

Gov't debt in May steady at P3.9T

By Daxim L. Lucas

THE NATIONAL government's total debt continued its trek to the unprecedented P4-trillion mark, as the Bureau of Treasury (BTr) borrowed more funds to finance the budget gap.

In a statement, BTr said the government's total debt rose 0.6 percent in May to P3.889 trillion from the previous month's level.

The government's total obligations to foreign and local lenders is expected to hit the P4-trillion mark by the end of the year.

The finance department has already unveiled plans to borrow up to $1 billion from the international debt market next month to bridge the revenue shortfall due to the delay in the implementation of the value-added tax law.

Of the amount reported in May, P1.826 trillion or 47 percent is owed to foreign creditors via bond issues and official development assistance, while P2.063 trillion or 53 percent is owed to local lenders through the sale of government securities.

BTr said its local obligations declined by P1.6 billion in May from the previous month as it retired some of the state's earlier Treasury bill and bond issues.

On the other hand, the increase in the national government's foreign debt by P23.4 billion was due to the P35 billion net availments, with the government's issuance of $750 million in US dollar-denominated bonds over the summer.

"However, the appreciation of the other currencies against the US dollar reduced foreign debt by P12 billion," the statement said.

The national government's contingent debts—composed mainly of state guarantees on the obligations of shaky state-owned firms—grew to P604 billion in May from P589 billion in the previous month.

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Editor Chelo Banal-Formoso

The Sheen of things to come

A show at the Ayala Museum combines the fantasy and function of crystals

Text by Cheche V. Moral
Photos by Jim Guiao Punzalan

AN EXHIBIT of her handmade jewelry pieces at the Cultural Center of the Philippines last year lasted almost three months, bolstering Ciara Marasigan's belief that jewelry could stand on its own as functional art.

Emboldened, the young woman sought a partnership with Swarovski to present "Cristal Fantaisie: A Tribute to Functional Art," a month-long sale-exhibit of jewelry pieces at the Ayala Museum in Makati City.

Also launched last Tuesday night was Marasigan's Silver & Gold collection. The jewelry display is shown alongside creations by bag designer Amina Aranáz and paper artist Tes Pasola.

"Functional art is something beautiful and

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SEA Glimmer, by Amina Aranáz, P7,200

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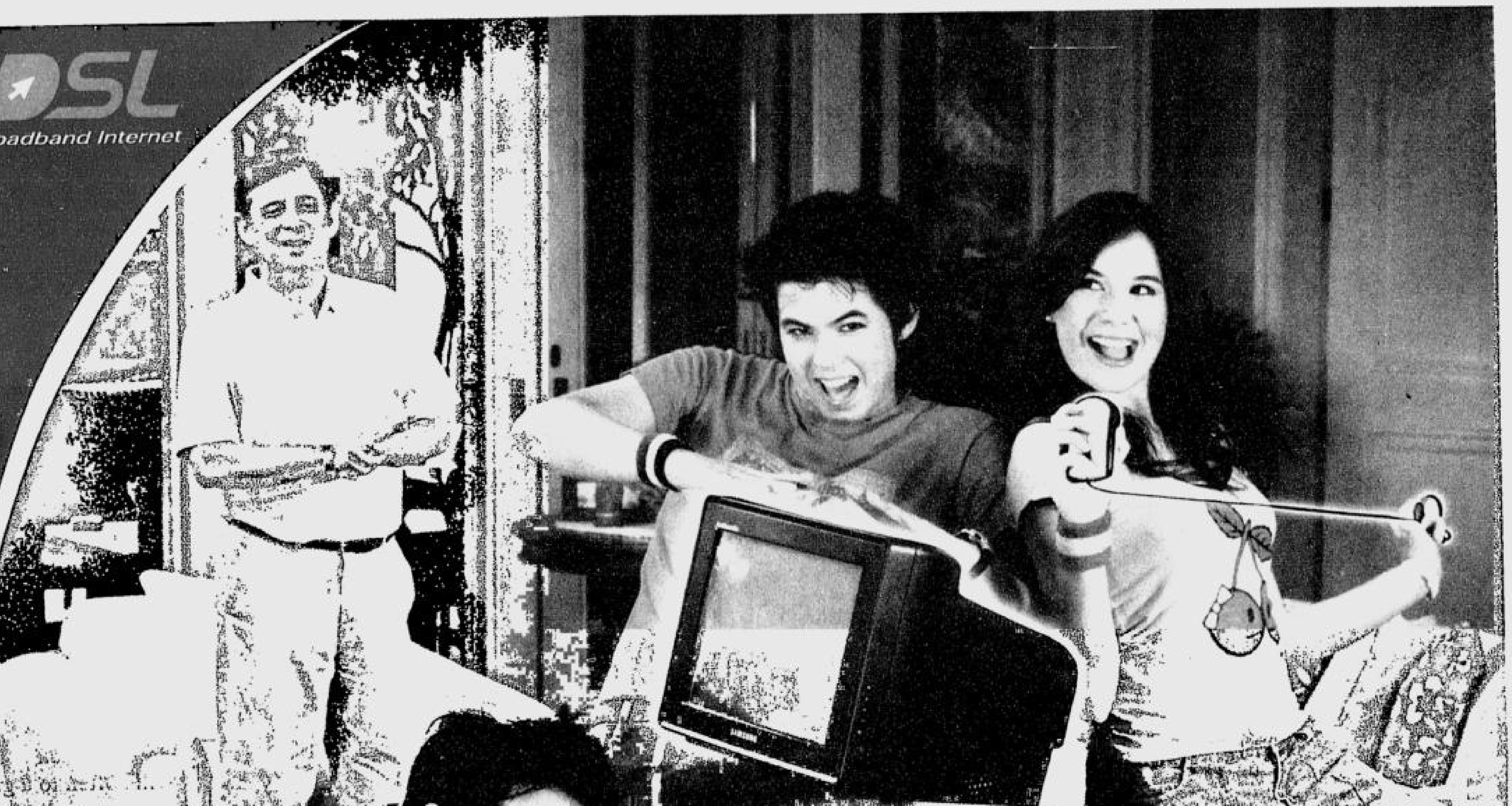

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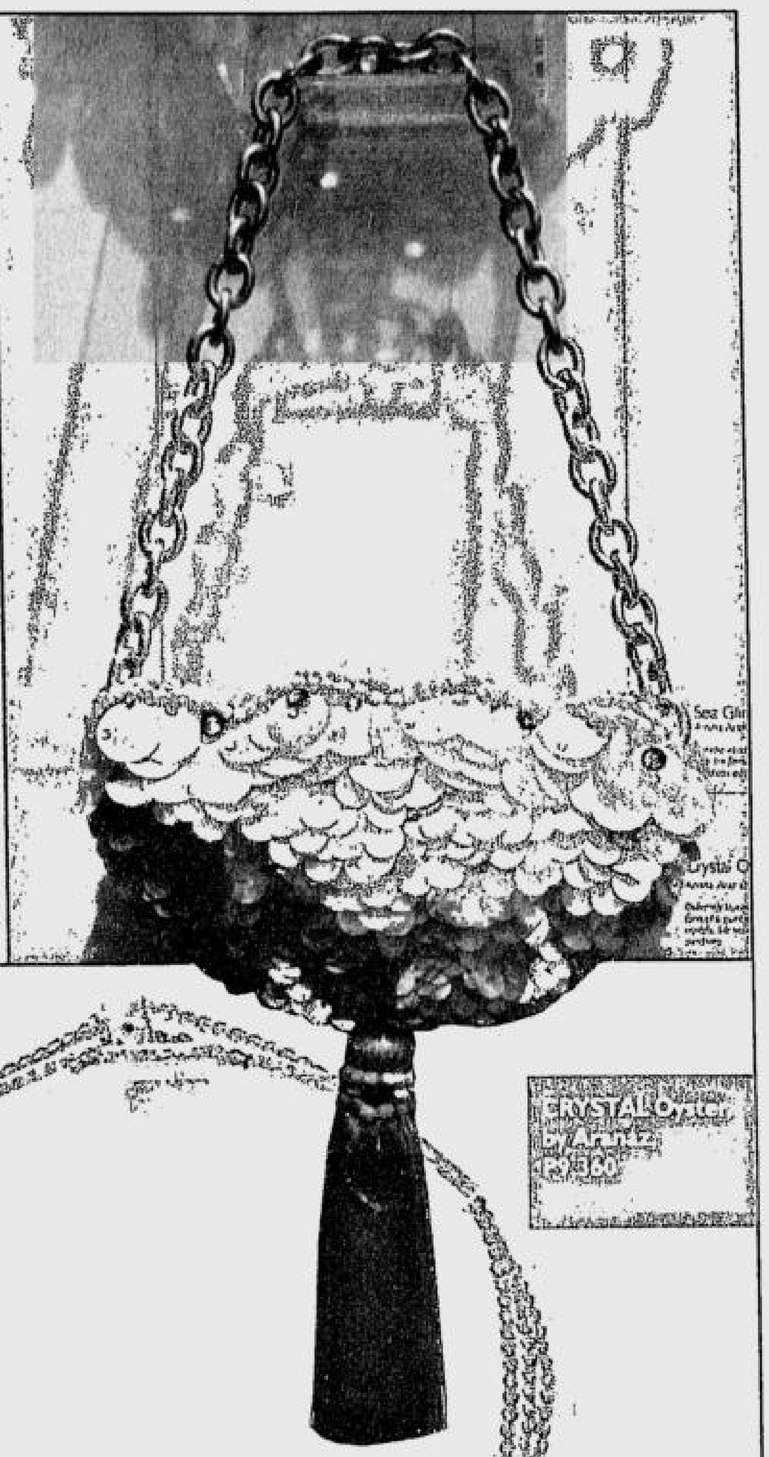

CRYSTAL Oyster by Aranáz P9,360

The sheen of things to come

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well-made," Aranáz said. "It is special and intricate but [one that] you can use." A cum laude graduate of the Milan design school, Istituto Marangoni, she is the house designer of the family-owned accessories boutique, Aranáz Manila, in Pasig City.

Aranáz, for the first time, incorporates Swarovski crystals to her sought-after glam purses. Native materials—coco shells, wood beads, bamboo—are still prevalent in her 23-piece collection, elements that are a legacy of her mother's bag-export trade. Mother of pearl, seashells, feathers and colored stones also adorn the creations.

An internationally recognized paper advocate, Pasola shows four pieces that prove paper is an independent medium and "not just an accompaniment to the pen."

"Cumulus 90" is a two-tone, oval-shaped coffee table made of handmade paper and plywood. Another is a sculptural piece, also made of paper, called "Cumulus 91."

COFFEE table of handmade paper and plywood, Cumulus 90 by Tes Pasola, P185,000

Paper rugs

More stunning, perhaps, are the rugs, made of paper twine and accented with Swarovski crystals. Pasola encourages people to sit on the rugs to prove they're functional.

Pasola said the funkiness of her works come naturally because they're rooted to her character. "They're experimental so it was easy to create these pieces," she said, adding, "But, of course, it becomes tricky if you're asking for something traditional.

"I want to defy [the perceived] limitations of paper… This is a new concept in an already existing application. It is sort of a reinvention."

The 20something Marasigan honed her skill at—and made her name—twisting, bending, coiling, curling aluminum and steel wires with semiprecious stones, freshwater pearls, corals and crystals into one-of-a-kind neckpieces, brooches, rings, earrings. (She has sold works to Lane Crawford in Hong Kong; her pieces are carried by a store in Los Angeles.) This time, she tries her hand at applying the same magic to 14-karat gold and silver wires.

Marasigan's 101-piece exhibit collection was inspired by Swarovski's spring-summer collection.

"Cristal Fantaisie" runs until Sept. 8 at 2/F, Ayala Museum, right above M Café.

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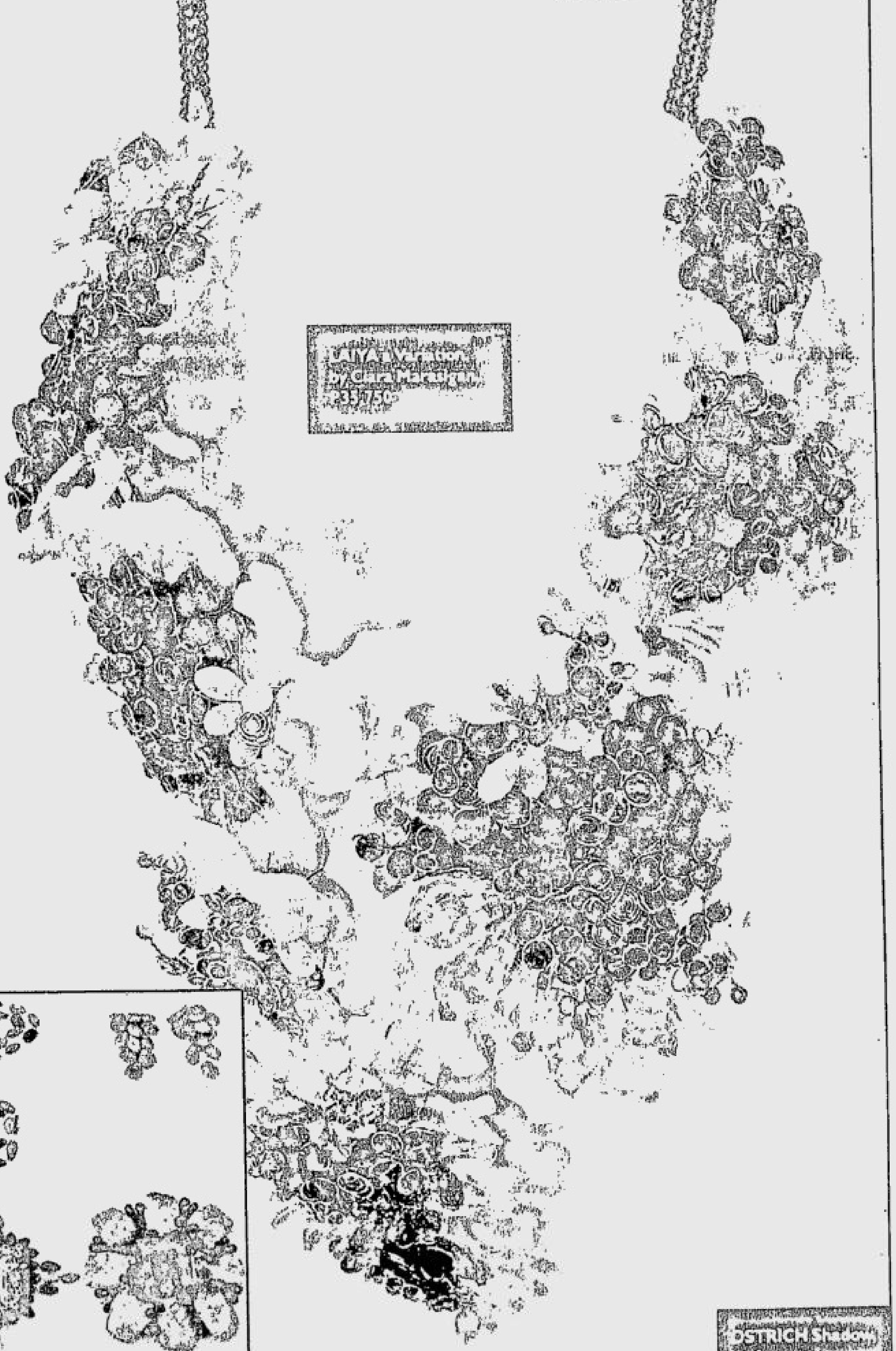

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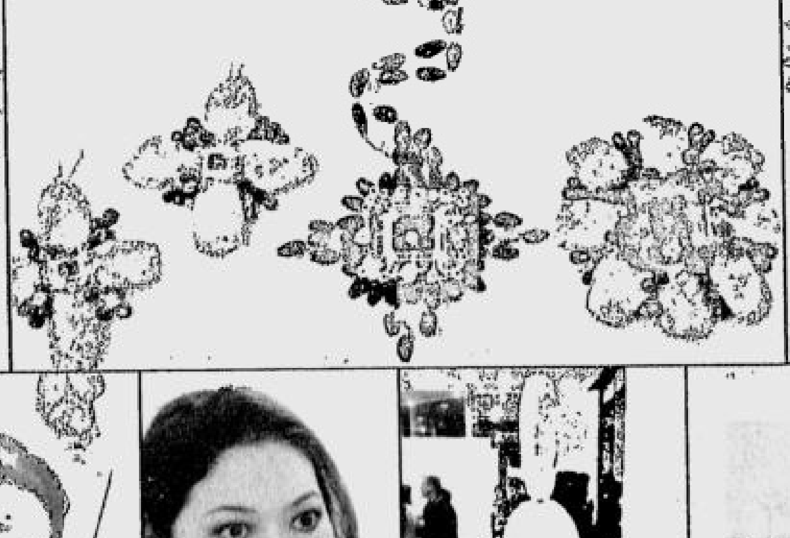
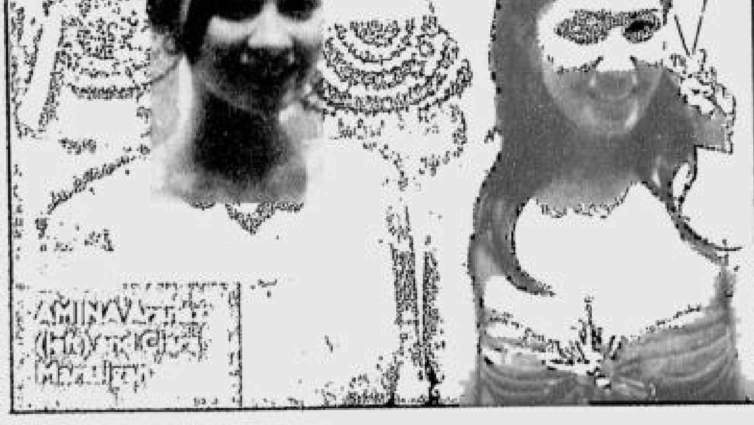


MARASIGAN'S new collection using 14-k gold [illegible] P31,750-78,500

PASOLA'S paper [illegible] with Swarovski crystals, [illegible] 07, P100,000



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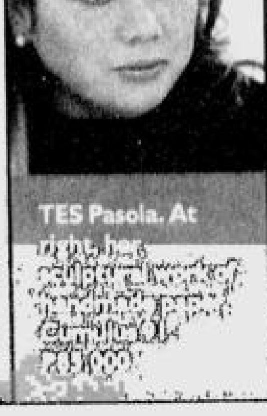
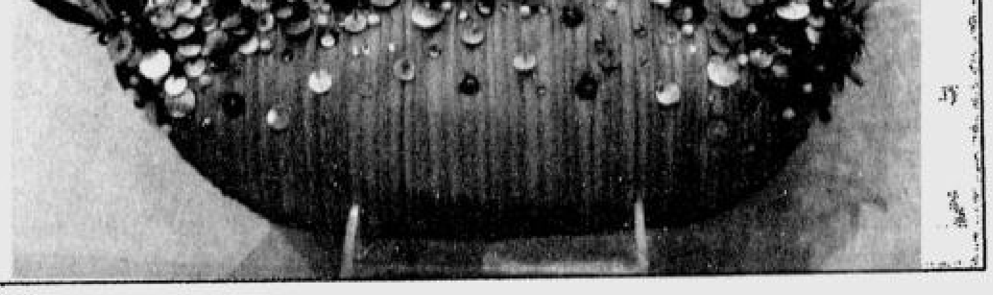


TES Pasola. At right, her sculptural work of handmade paper, Cumulus 91, P85,000



OSTRICH Shadow by Aranáz P3,200

Waterfall Zen garden workshop

GOINGS ON

LEARN how to make your own mini waterfall Zen garden. Ikebana professor and plant art expert Serapion S. Metilla is conducting a seminar-workshop at 1-6 p.m. today until Aug. 14, at Mett's Plant Arts, King Louis Garden Center, Manila Seedling Bank, corner Edsa and Quezon Avenue, Quezon City. Call 9394593, 4352479 or 0917-8321352.

CARNIVAL. The Adarna Book Carnival will be held tomorrow at National Book Store, SM Pampanga, 2-5 p.m. There will be storytelling, face painting and fun games. Admission is free. Call 3723548.

WORKSHOPS. Starmall Edsa will conduct arts and crafts workshops for kids tomorrow. On Aug. 14 and 28, Starmall Las Piñas will present candle-making; and on Aug. 25, plate and mug decoration at Metropolis Star Alabang. Call 8725249/ 8503845/ 7181886.

CONCERT. Concert at the Park presents Japan-Bound Pilipino Original Talents on Aug. 14, 5 p.m., at Rizal Park open-air auditorium, Manila. Admission is free.

FAIR. Sta. Lucia East Department Store holds Health and Beauty Fair until Aug. 31. Shop for cosmetics, fragrances and personal care products on sale prices. Get free makeovers, product demos and giveaways in beauty bars. Play the Beauty Roulette for a minimum purchase of P300 of any health and beauty product. Winners will get an MTV Grind workout and Tae Boxing VCDs, Silka whitening products and cosmetic pouches from Secosana. Call 6815181 loc. 138.

FOUNDATION DAY. Angono, Rizal, marks its 67th founding day on Aug. 17-19. The celebration kicks off with Linis-Bayan and tree planting drive. There will also be a trade fair, candle- and soap-making seminars, art competition for school children, musical featuring the Angono Wind Ensemble brass band and Art Noveau Chorale of Angono Regional Pilot School for the Arts, floral offering and an anniversary commemorative program. Call 6511417/ 0915-9991720.

RESTO EVENTS. fi bar and restaurant will feature Bling jewelry by Angela Reyes and Tess Carlos on Aug. 17; Inner Goddess lingerie by Kaye Garcia, Aug. 24; and Bespoke footwear by Brian Tenorio, Aug. 31. Call 8982472.

SHOW. Radyo Balintataw airs "Soul ASEAN" on AM radio station MBC-DZRH until Aug. 19. Musical pieces and poems from the 10 ASEAN countries are featured.

SALE. Robinsons Malls will hold Sidewalk Sale on Aug. 19-21. Shoppers can avail of discounts up to 50 percent in mall outlets. You can also meet the Magic 89.9 DJs on Aug. 19 in Robinsons Galleria, Metro East and Imus.

SALE. Star Group of Malls will hold a mall-wide sale on Aug. 19-21. Grab the best buys in Starmall Las Piñas, Metropolis Star Alabang and Starmall Edsa, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

BOOKFAIR. The 8th Davao Bookfair will be held Aug. 23-26, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., at the Apo View Hotel, Davao City. Call 2219074/ 0916-4730338.

FORUM. Anthony and Maricel Laxa-Pangilinan will conduct a wedding forum on Aug. 27, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at The Bellevue Hotel. It will feature the things couples need to know before they say their "I do's." Call 7718181.

THE BLESSING of the Women's Development Center of the National Council of Women of the Philippines in Pasay City was recently held. Photo shows (from left) Rose Lay of Orange Ribbon; Judge Aurora Recina, former chair of Human Rights Commission; Councilor Tonya Cuneta, Rosellyn Magsaysay, Ines Valdez, Dr. Nelia Gonzales, Edith Diokno and Dr. Nona Ricafort.

ANNIVERSARY. The Lambda Rho Beta Fraternity of San Beda College of Law will hold its 34th anniversary celebration on Aug. 28 at Club Filipino, Kalayaan Hall, Greenhills, San Juan. Registration and cocktails begin at 6 p.m., while program starts at 7 p.m.

SEMINAR. MB&G/ProActive is now accepting reservations for Managing a Restaurant/Canteen seminar-workshop on Aug. 29-Sept. 2, 1-5 p.m., in Eastwood City, Libis, QC. Call 6871787/ 0915-4315375.

OFFER. The Eye Care Center of Borough Medical Care Institute (BMCI), an ambulatory surgical center at 6/F Cybermall, Eastwood, Quezon City, celebrates Sight Saving Month by offering free cataract screening for all senior citizens aged 60 and above, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Saturday, this whole month of August. Call 6871369/6871345/6871779. BMCI also has a satellite eye clinic in Parañaque, tel. 8207633.

WORKSHOPS. Raya School offers the following workshops in September and October: Visual Journaling I, Sept. 3; Visual Journaling II, Sept. 10; Bookbinding 101 Part I, Sept. 17; Bookbinding 101 Part II, Sept. 24; Advanced Bookbinding, Oct. 1; and Rubber Cutting, Oct. 8. All workshops will be held at 73-A Scout Limbaga St., QC. Call 3762184.

PROGRAM. Japan Foundation Manila announces its Grant Program for Intellectual Exchange Conference 2006-2007. The program is open to universities or research institutions, non-profit and non-government organizations, and international organizations. Deadline for submission of a three-page abstract of project proposal is Sept. 9. Call 8116155 to 58.

CONTEST. Robinsons Malls is now accepting contestants for the Search for the Singing Apo-Lo on Sept. 11. Grandparents should be 50 years old and above while the *apo* should be 7-15 years old. Application forms are now available at Robinsons Malls' customer info counters. Call 6836782/6836100.

BADMINTON OPEN. The first St. Theresa's College Manila Blue and Gold Badminton Open will be held on Sept. 11, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., at The Zone, Makati. Levelling practices for ladies' doubles, men's doubles and mixed doubles will be held on Aug. 14, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Call 8182482.

SEMINAR. The Philippine Society of Librarians and Information Specialists (PSLIS) will have a seminar-workshop on "Linkages, Strategies and Challenges in the Electronic Environment: A Global Perspective" on Sept. 14-16, at 10/F SEC Bldg. EDSA, Greenhills, Mandaluyong City. Call 5279672 or 0916-7120341, 5238686, 7241994 and 8978808 loc. 329/330.

PHOTO COURSES. The Federation of Philippine Photographers Foundation will hold an advanced photography seminar on Sept. 17 at Fort Santiago, Intramuros, Manila. A hands-on course on digital photography will be held starting Sept. 24 in Makati. Call 8137420/ 8435341.

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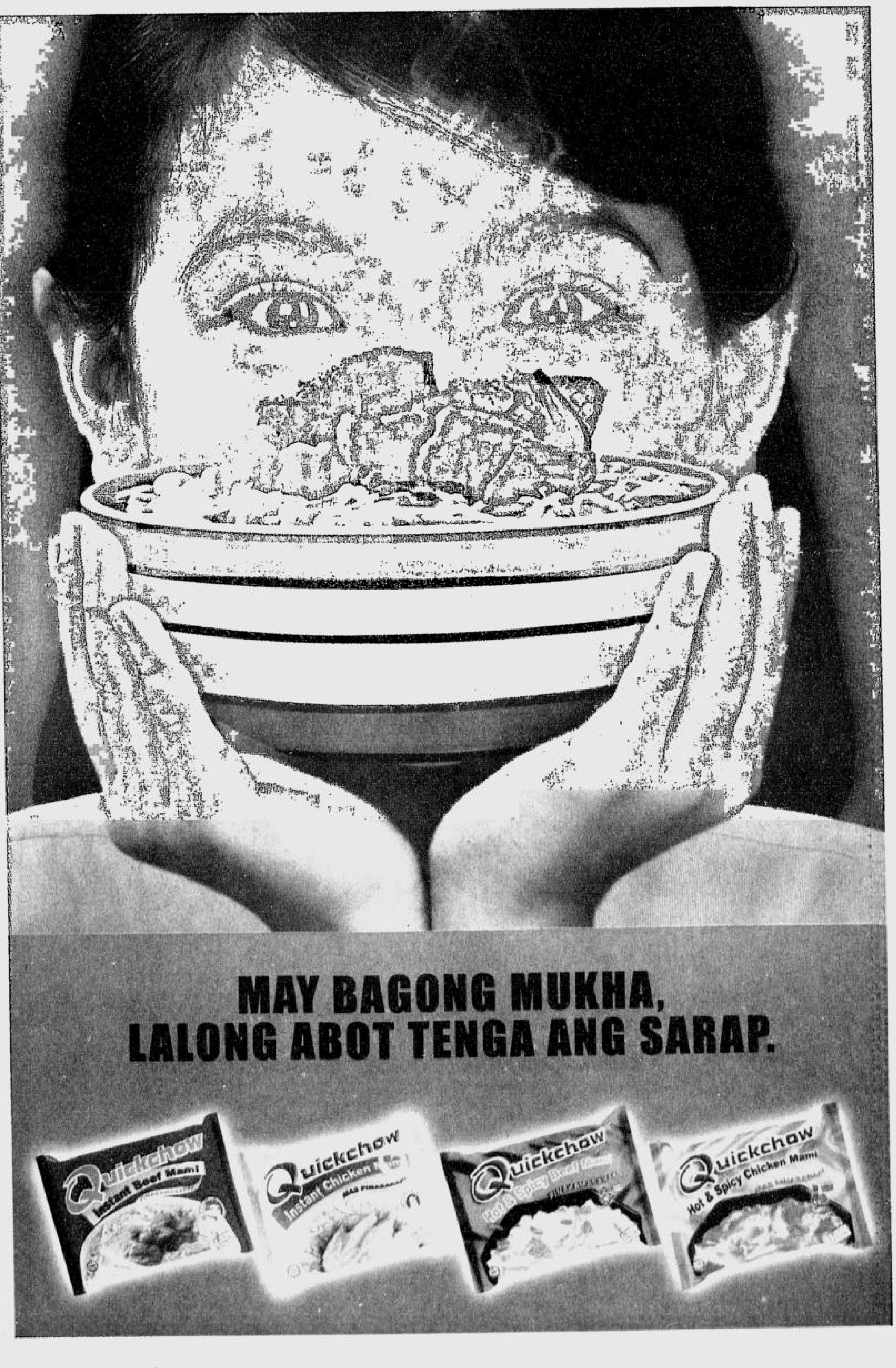

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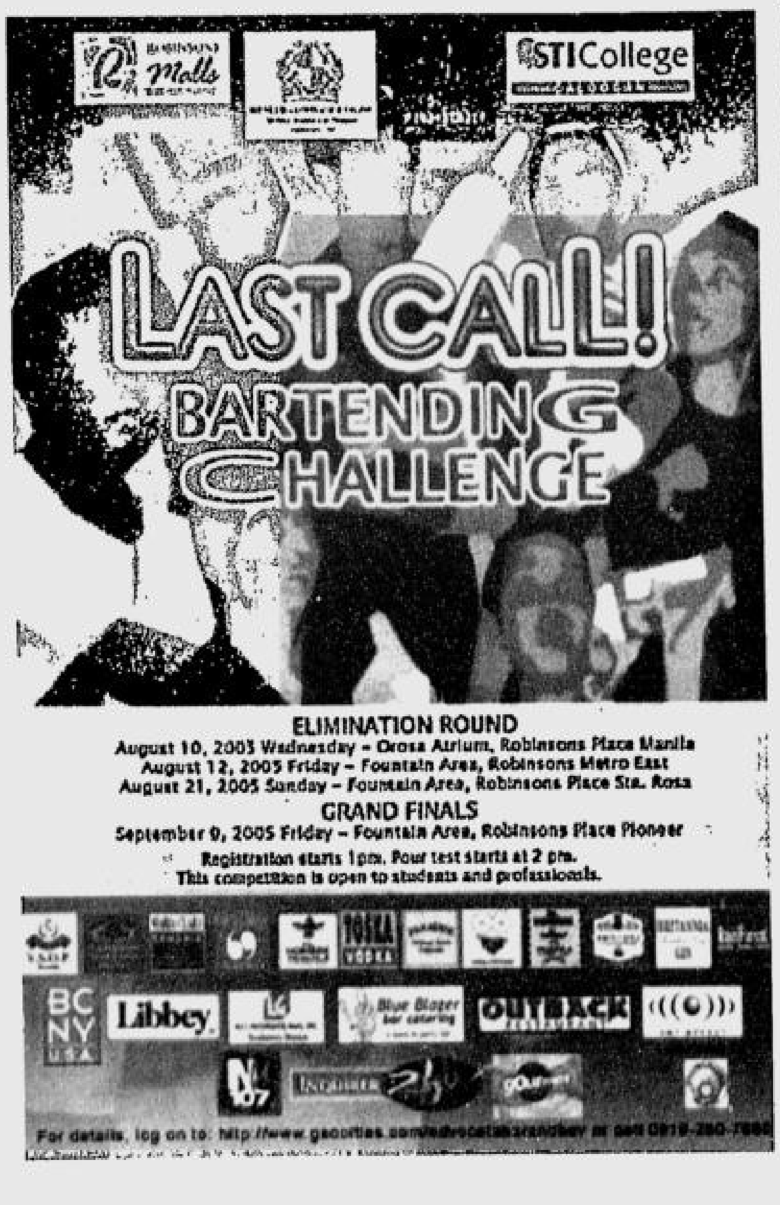

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MAXINE Algue, managing director of Cartier, with French Ambassador Laurent Aublin at the Cartier ribbon-cutting ceremony

New sheen to house of gems

Cartier is renovating its boutiques worldwide to enhance the house's luxury image

ONE of Bangkok's top models in an exquisite pendant poses at the show window of the Cartier Boutique, Emporium, Bangkok.

By Gem B. Padilla
Contributor

MORE than a decade ago at a jewelry exhibition in Monaco, South of France, I had my first encounter with the magnificence and grandeur of gems.

Famous jewelry houses from all over the world such as Van Cleef and Arpels, Tiffany & Co., and Mikimoto, and our very own South Sea pearls by Jewelmer, to name a few, showcased stunning jewels.

Considering my innocence, or rather my ignorance, about precious gems, I was astounded by the beauty, design and craftsmanship of the dazzling jewelry. I distinctly remember one particular piece that got my attention in the exhibit—an opulent diamond and pearl necklace by Cartier.

Imagine my delight when at the grand opening recently of Cartier's new concept boutique at the Emporium Shopping Complex in Bangkok, 18 art deco pieces of the Art de Cartier Collection were put on display.

The new boutique design was unveiled exclusively to 300 selected guests. Champagne overflowed as Bangkok's crème de la crème turned up for the evening. I had no idea who they were, so I ended up trying to match them with their Filipino counterparts in my head just for the fun of it. The evening's entertainment included the renowned local Patravadi Theater, American jazz singer Cherryl Hayes, and Bangkok's top models clad in Cartier.

This is just one of over 200 Cartier boutiques all over the world that will undergo the total makeover. One by one, Cartier boutiques will take on a "new, classic style," as interpreted by architect Bruno Monaird. The goal is to simultaneously maintain and recreate the aristocratic ambience and luxuriousness that is Cartier. The goal is to treat the clientele to a more exclusive and intimate setting, keeping in mind that luxury and refinement go hand-in-hand.

If the Bangkok opening is any indication of what we can expect from this international luxury brand, the reopening of the Cartier boutique in Manila is something to look forward to. But for now, the Cartier brand manager for Manila can only assure us that the opening of this new concept is set for next year.

With the Pinoy's capability for staging impressive events and Cartier's grand design, there is no doubt there will be another amazing Cartier reopening in Manila. We can only hope that the magnificent antique exhibition from the Art de Cartier Collection will make its way here. It will be a superb experience for the young and the old to view such treasure.

JAZZ diva Cherryl Hayes

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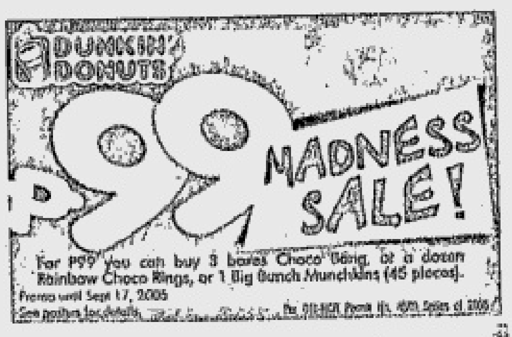
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Trends you can use until '06

Army shirts, pearls, metallic accents—your best fashion source is still your 'baul'

MILITARY top (Polo Garage) and newsboy cap
PHOTOS COURTESY OF CHALK MAGAZINE

IN FASHION, if not in life, the great antidote to boredom is the change of seasons, and with it, the trends. It doesn't matter that the trends are arbitrary; they break the day's monotony.

LIFE-STYLED

Thelma Sioson San Juan

Here are the trends you can use, whether you're 15 or 50 years old:

- Black is back—yet again. Like we wrote a while back, after the burst of blinding colors, figure-flattering black is favored anew. And so is black with white.
- Pearls. While I never really desisted from wearing them, the fashion and beauty editors around me have been more partial to vintage or cutting-edge design trinkets. Now, however, pearls, of various lengths, have been reinstated in their day-to-night get-ups.

Twenty-six-year-old fashion editor **Pam Quinones** is so on-target with her list of what to wear now, published in August Chalk magazine (elaboration is mine):

- Metallic mania: From necklace to bag and shoes, you can go gold, pewter, copper or silver.
- '60s and '70s look. A carryover of the period fashion, the metallic accessories are part of this. Also, think mod and mini of the '60s. Pam adds boxy jackets to these. And for the '70s, think of the flamboyance of Yves Saint Laurent's Russian fantasy collection—rich opulent Russian-inspired print fabrics which, in this era, lend themselves to bohemian dresses.
- Very minimal tweed and more of the plaid, including the fine checker palate.
- Jewel tones as significant accents.
- Belts to cinch the waist.
- Little black dress. The good old reliable staple of any wardrobe.
- Very military. Think brass buttons, army shirt.
- Platform shoes. Their solid wedge gives you a breather from those stilettos.
- Romantic dresses in place of sexy ones. They're feminine, draping and soft to supplant those airtight body huggers.

Good thing, most of the above can be had by just rummaging through your *baul* and wearing again the decade-or-so-old clothes updated to this season with just the right touches.

Recasting your old possessions is what fashion is all about, so you're not left at the mercy of retail marketing.

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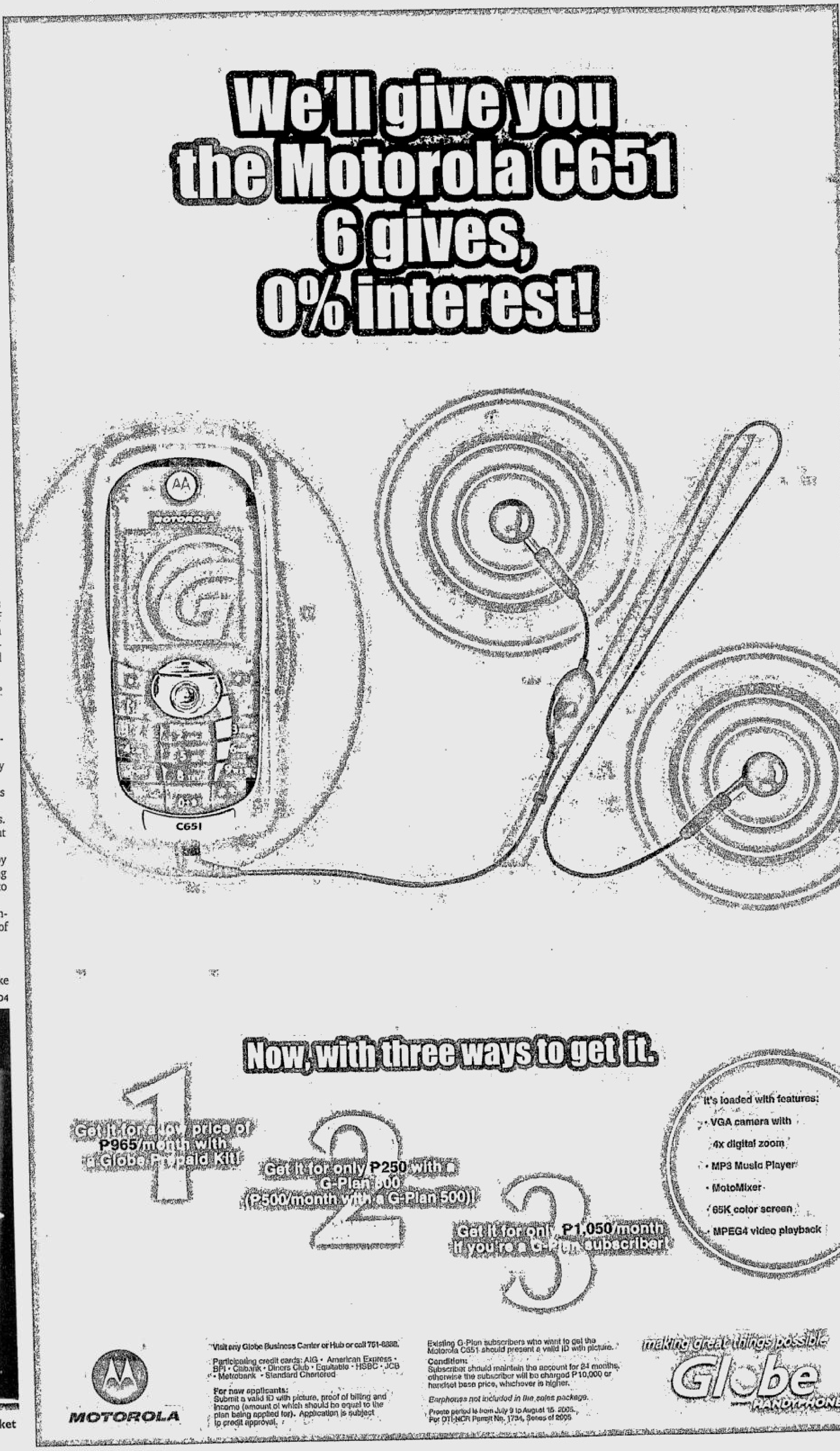
RUSSIAN-INSPIRED fashion: military jacket and skirt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Jewel tones
Try donning pieces in intensely deep and dark hues, like garnet, ruby, lapis, teal, bronze, jade and the like. These vibrant colors are the perfect substitute for summer's pastels and florals. They're also great for eveningwear, as the rich hues take the place of glittery beads and sequins.

Military touches
Pieces with martial accents are back in fashion radar's bleeps and beeps! No need to get literal with epaulets and the like. Stylized versions are the order of the day. An army-inspired mini dress and tube top are up-to-the-minute but still very feminine choices.

Victorian inspiration
Now is not the time to show skin as sexiness takes a back seat to demure elegance with the onset of Victoriana. A prim neckline, ruffles, white lacy tops and dresses, choirboy collars and even stylized cameo prints on tees are making a strong comeback. So start investing in such items, which you can mix and match.

Tulip and bubble skirts
A silhouette with volume is still *de rigueur*, but this time around, try them in different, more interesting shapes such as the tulip and the bubble. Tulip skirts matched with belted knits are stylish workwear options while a bubble skirt worn with an ordinary tee or spaghetti-strapped top with ballerina flats are perfect for dressed-down days. You can also don a pretty bubble dress in a pale palette for more dressy occasions.

Black is back!

(and other fashion directions)

Menswear trousers
Think Katherine Hepburn and start donning menswear-inspired trousers that are cool and sophisticated. Wear them with belted knits or stylized Victorian tops, peep-toe shoes with platform heels and ultra-red, drop-dead gorgeous lips for a bit of irony.

APPLES' PICKINGS

Apples Aberin-Sadhwani

AFTER A SEASON of voluminous rainbow-colored gypsy skirts and candy-colored tops, dramatic black is back in the forefront of fashion.

In what may be deemed as an outright rebellion against the fashion cliché that is Boho, designers the world over presented black frocks in a variety of silhouettes such as bubble skirts and '60s-inspired sheaths.

But don't you worry. This doesn't mean that fashion is back in a somber mood. Black, after all, can be seriously fun and sexy. The key is in creating points of interest by playing with textures and silhouettes.

For instance, instead of wearing a basic black polo shirt to work, opt for a richly romantic Victorian-inspired ruffled top matched with stovepipe or menswear trousers. Or, when accessorizing, don dramatic jet-black beads instead of summer's turquoise staples. The possibilities are endless as long as you use your imagination and are willing to experiment a bit.

If you're not quite ready to go back to black (although if you ask me, black should be elevated to the fashion hall of fame), there are other trends that you can adapt. Take your pick from some of this coming season's most glamorous.

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THANKS TO GRACE AND PATTY OF TYLER BOUTIQUE IN THE POWER PLANT MALL

Black is serious but fun and sexy. It also lends well to playing with texture and silhouette

Major neckpieces
Although chandelier earrings are all the rage, there is nothing like a dramatic necklace in a dark but rich hue to accentuate a simple outfit. For this coming season, choose a piece that is encrusted with richly colored stones, pearls or jet-black beads. Velvet or satin beribboned neckpieces are also excellent options.

MODELS pose in their SPDO apparel.

UNIQUE design and function are combined in the Axcelerate Seamless Camisole. It features adjustable shoulder straps and internal bust support for optimum fit.

AXCELERATE, engineered by Speedo, marries fashion with function, making it the performance outfit of choice for any workout. Here, Verns wears a performance bra top accented with a fashionable center front keyhole.

Sizzling active wear for versatile women

WITH A SENSUAL take on casual active wear, Speedo proves its edge on product superiority and sensuality through the launch of two women's lines—SPDO and Axcelerate.

These new lines from the world's most trusted swimwear fashion label was inspired by today's active woman who is always on the go. Taking inspiration from the fact that approximately 75 percent of Speedo's clientele is made up of women, the idea for this new line was to make the clothes as versatile as today's busy woman through a combination of style, fit and comfort without compromising fashion. With premiere designer Anika Anderson's aesthetic and sensibilities woven into the collection, the clothes also promote the importance of leisure. These clothes are appropriate for everything—from working out at the gym to meeting friends for coffee at the mall.

The athleticism of the main brand, though, proved most evident with the shape of the silhouette, but the use of colors, accessories and cut differentiated these from the normal line of Speedo. There was a double-layer halter top that has a partly exposed built-in bra top. This provides support without compromising style, especially if paired with the zip-through jacket, trousers and/or shorts. There is a Vera strappy top and tee, the Aroma vest with a feminine flock print offered in two colors, the Float jacket and the Aloe trouser, which features embroidery down one leg.

Speedo has also added Axcelerate on their more athletic line. The collection features stretch woven shorts, which have side pockets of mesh for added breathability. There are "in the gym pants," the core Capri, the trendy performance bra top made especially to support Asian frames, and the seamless camisole. All are made with the fabric that enhances moisture management and provides anti-bacterial treatment.

Speedo vice president of operations Manish Mahtani explained that the lines are a fusion of function and form, especially with the technology put into developing the line.

SPDO and Axcelerate are now available in Speedo stores nationwide.

DANIELLE Cojuangco

Young, fashionable equestrienne is new endorser

BAYO introduced recently its newest endorser at its bigger and newly renovated Glorietta branch. Young Danielle Cojuangco, equestrienne, artist and product-design major at Stanford University, follows in the footsteps of athlete Bea Lucero and singer/actress Lea Salonga.

Cojuangco was deemed ideal for the image Bayo aimed to project—a well-rounded, sophisticated woman who excelled in both sports and the arts.

Bayo, one of the country's leading fashion brands, was launched 16 years ago by sisters Lyn Agustin and CorCor Bitong, together with their husbands, Ferdie Agustin and Sonny Bitong.

The recent event to introduce Cojuangco, hosted by commercial model and Bayo girl Nicole Hernandez, also showcased the brand's new look for both store and merchandise. A fashion show featured Bayo's latest collection by Agustin and Yvette Lejano.

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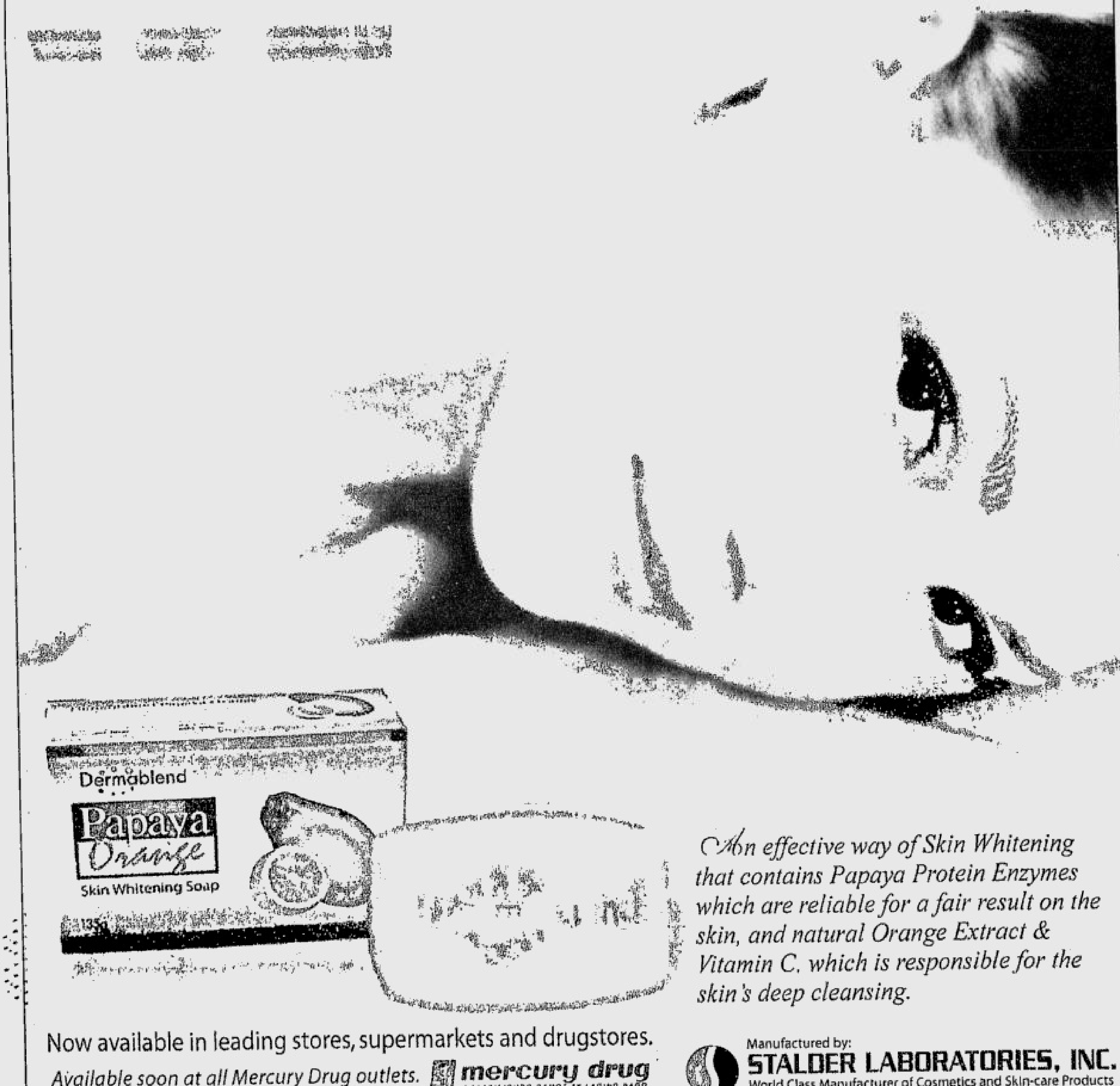

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For her, her and her

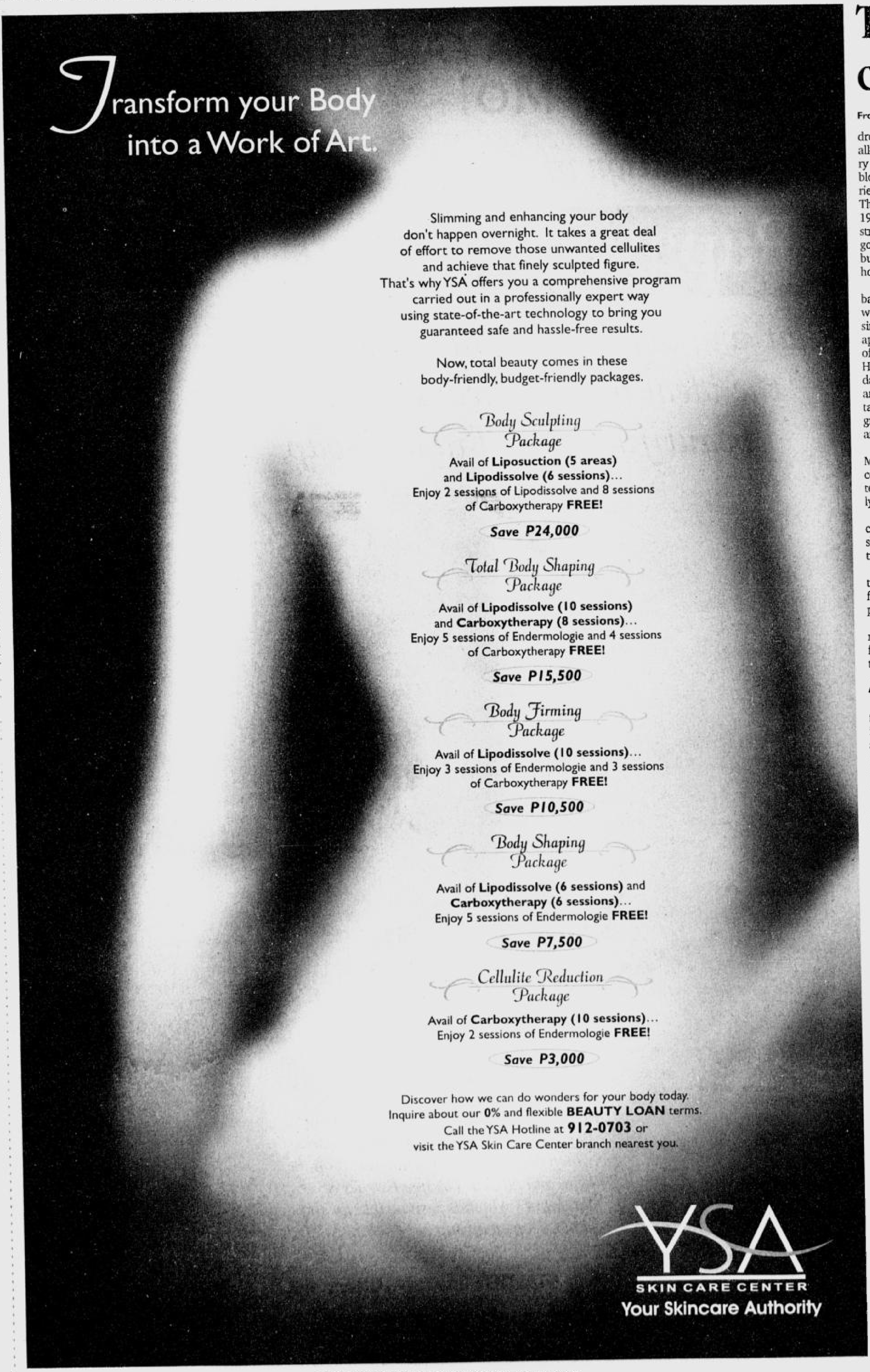
MODEL and fashion photographer Joan Bitagcol wears the Tasha pants. Since her body is rectangular in shape, a denim bootleg cut that tapers from the hips through the knees then slightly flares at the bottom hem definitely makes her look shapely through a flattering illusion of curves.

THERE is a store exclusively for women that offers three very stylish pants that match their names with the type of their fit. It's called ForMe and rightly so.

If you want to find out which is the ideal type of pant fit plus the right kind of clothes for your body shape, visit the ForMe store nearest you. They are located at SM North Edsa Annex, SM Megamall, Robinsons Galleria, SM Southmall, SM Pampanga, SM Bacoor, Alabang Festival Mall, Market! Market! The Shops Greenhills and Ayala Center Cebu.

MADISON pants are for top-heavy women like Astrud Crisologo, entrepreneur, flamenco aficionado and mom of three. Relaxed through hip and thigh, this is the pair for a classy, elegant and corporate look. Madison pants play up a streamlined effect that also creates a slimmer look.

THE AMBER pants are perfect for former Bb. Pilipinas Universe Zorayda Ruth Andam since she belongs to the usual triangle-shaped women endowed with full and curvy hips. Because Amber pants are slim and straight from the hips down to the legs, they create a taller and slimmer look for almost every young woman.



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Trends you can use . . .

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dropping everything—deadlines, targets and all—to just snuggle in bed with a chunky " Harry Potter" book, the sixth in the series ("Half-blood Prince"). This most popular "fantasy" series of modern times is not only for children. The first time that book caught our eye was in 1997, on the flight to Los Angeles, where a pin-stripe-suited banker was reading it. Curious, we got a copy if only to find out what this latest buzz in yuppiedom was about. We've been hooked since.

Of course, it helps that **J.K. Rowling** has a background any woman can empathize with—a hard-up single parent then (she has since remarried). But to me, her work's greatest appeal is her lifestyle take on the fantasy world of wizards and witches. The guys and girls of Hogwarts are as hip as you can be. While its dark adventure is enthralling, its lifestyle quirks are so amusingly contemporary and rich in detail she could be describing a mall scene in her graphic account of Diagon Alley, where Harry and other Hogwarts students shop.

Hogwarts is your typical college, and the Ministry of Magic is so like any government or corporation. Of course, it helps that her characters are so well fleshed out, they're neither totally bad nor absolutely good.

Dumbledore's insight on people is so apt. The chief wizard tells Harry: "It is our choices that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities."

In her interview with Time, Rowling admits that her books are like, she says, "a litany of bad fathers. That's where evil seems to flourish, in places where people didn't get good fathering."

Indeed, all you girls can make Harry Potter a must-read not only for your kids, but more so for your husbands or boyfriends. You don't want to be spawning young Voldemorts.

All for Maggie

On Monday Quisine will surely be packed as friends of architect/interior designer/fashionista **Maggie Go** turn out for a night of Overdrive sounds, fun and bonding, as they wish her well in the series of treatment she'll undergo.

Furniture finds at Expo

On the more mundane stuff, over *merienda* last week with a few of the country's top interior designers, I learned what must be the biggest secret in town among home décor buffs. It's the Marikina Shoe Expo where you now find repros of high-end or designer furniture lines. Think Le Corbusier and Mies van der Rohe.

It was actually all-around homemaker and magazine columnist **Marissa Lopa** who wrote about it first and her surprise finds there—Barcelona chairs, Diamond wire-mesh chairs, Panton chairs, Donut rocking chairs inspired by **Eero Aarnio**'s Pastil line. Aside from these discoveries, Marissa also stumbled on an Italian resto that's getting popular now by word of mouth.

Now one can own a designer chair, even if only a repro, to display at home, even if it lasts for only a year. As a friend says, that's longer than some marriages.

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'70S-INSPIRED printed dress with brown leather belt (UKY)

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Beauty as seen through the eye of the holder

FILIPINA Dove endorser Mia Sebastian asks how much longer will Philippine society go on believing that only fair skin is beautiful.

☐ dark?
☐ dazzling?

☐ flat?
☐ flattering?

"CAN you be sexy without being busty?" challenges Naruechol Phanichjaroen, 32, of Thailand.

PIXIE-HAIRED Mutita Chittiman breaks away from the shampoo-endorser mold.

Asian women want media and advertising to set realistic and natural standards of beauty, and skincare brand Dove agrees

By Cheche V. Moral

IN ORDER to get that dream job, be popular, or catch the eye of (or keep) your man, a woman has to have: 1) a tall and svelte frame, 2) white, flawless skin, 3) a shiny black veil of long, flowing, straight hair, and 4) youth or, at least, youthful looks.

Of course, a girl doesn't need to have a 200 IQ on top of her Pam Anderson racks to figure out that the above is flawed, if not completely devoid of logic.

But this is exactly what the media and popular culture are suggesting.

In a bold and unconventional move, Unilever, the makers of Dove, launched last week its latest campaign that aims to celebrate beauty in its diverse forms, and consequently broaden the social definition of beautiful. It aims to debunk "illusions created by media and society" and "give 'beauty' a makeover."

In a country where "real people" are almost always used only in commercials for detergents, the beauty and skincare brand Dove's campaign uses photos of real women with beauty flaws, at least based on today's vain standards. No Photoshop required, thank you very much.

The photos, which now appear in print and later in billboards, are aimed at initiating debate on the beauty issue, according to Unilever.

Each of the women's photos comes with tick boxes that, for instance, ask if the full-figured model is extra-large or extra-sexy. The photo of the lone Filipina model, a dusky girl named Mia Sebastian, asks whether she's dark or dazzling, challenging the Filipino's prevalent belief that only blindingly fair skin is beautiful.

Survey

Dove's "Campaign for Real Beauty" is actually an international campaign started in the United States and Europe. Partnering with the Women's Media Circle, an NGO working for women empowerment through media, its local launch at The Loft in Rockwell Center, Makati, was accompanied by a presentation of a study sponsored by Dove that revealed Asian women's views on beauty. Inspired by a similar study by Harvard University, also commissioned by Dove, the survey of over 2,000 women was conducted in 10 Asian countries, including the Philippines.

Presented by sociologist and UP professor Josefina Natividad, "The Real Truth About Asian Beauty: Asian Women's Attitudes Toward Self-Esteem, Body Image and Media Portrayal" yielded staggering results.

For one, the study revealed only 5 percent of Filipinas consider themselves to be beautiful, and yet they exhibited the strongest sense of happiness and satisfaction with their bodies and lives of all Asian women surveyed. It also said less than 3 percent of Asians say they're beautiful, choosing instead to describe themselves as "simple or natural," or "average or normal."

Not surprisingly, Filipinas ranked family and religion as most important in their lives. Majority of the Filipina respondents also said it is the family that shaped their sense of beauty. It is also the family's opin-

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☐ extra-sexy?

REAL WOMEN HAVE CURVES. Plus-size model Kristina Vrkic, 23, of Sydney, Australia

Beauty as seen through the eye of the holder

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ion that counted the most, the men in their lives a close second.

Chinese women rely on their own opinion of beauty, making them the most self-confident, a direct opposite of the Vietnamese who rely largely on the opinion of their husband or partner.

The paper also showed a great correlation between getting compliments and a woman's high self-esteem. It said, at 87 percent, Filipinas topped the beauty-happiness scale, with half of them saying they've felt beautiful that same day. Least happy are the Japanese and Koreans, with 66 percent of the Japanese admitting they haven't felt beautiful in a year or longer.

Meanwhile, low self-esteem, the study showed, is somehow related to body weight. The Japanese and Taiwanese said they felt too heavy while 61 percent of Filipinas said their weight was "just right." Rather surprising considering the popularity of liposuction and other weight-loss procedures in the Philippines.

Breast question

Asians, in general, are not as concerned with their breasts, lips, tummy and hairstyles as they are with their face, overall body shape, skin and eye shape. The confidence level of Filipinas when it comes to their bodies, including breast size and skin color, is similar to the Chinese, which is considerably high.

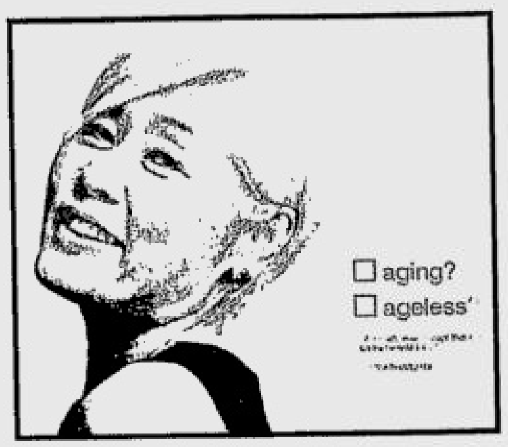
Filipinas are more preoccupied with skin-whitening and anti-wrinkle treatments, the study showed, with only 26 percent willing to undergo cosmetic procedure, even if it were free. Koreans are at top, with 53 percent having considered surgery.

When it comes to age as a beauty prerequisite, Filipinas are, however, the most unforgiving, saying a woman is most beautiful at age 20, thus implying any day older is downhill from there. On the contrary, 25 percent of both the Japanese and the Taiwanese say mature women, at over age 30, are at their most beautiful. Other respondents say, on average, it's women in their mid-20s.

All of the respondents agreed they wished media did a better job at portraying women of diverse physical characteristics.

However, Filipinas created a conflicting stance by saying the media set unrealistic beauty standards, making them feel inadequate when faced with "perfect" models. But they also said the models in ads are good role models for young girls.

Most Filipinas recognize that ads are designed to make women want to change their appearance, but 84 percent of them also wish the media could give women more confidence in their own look.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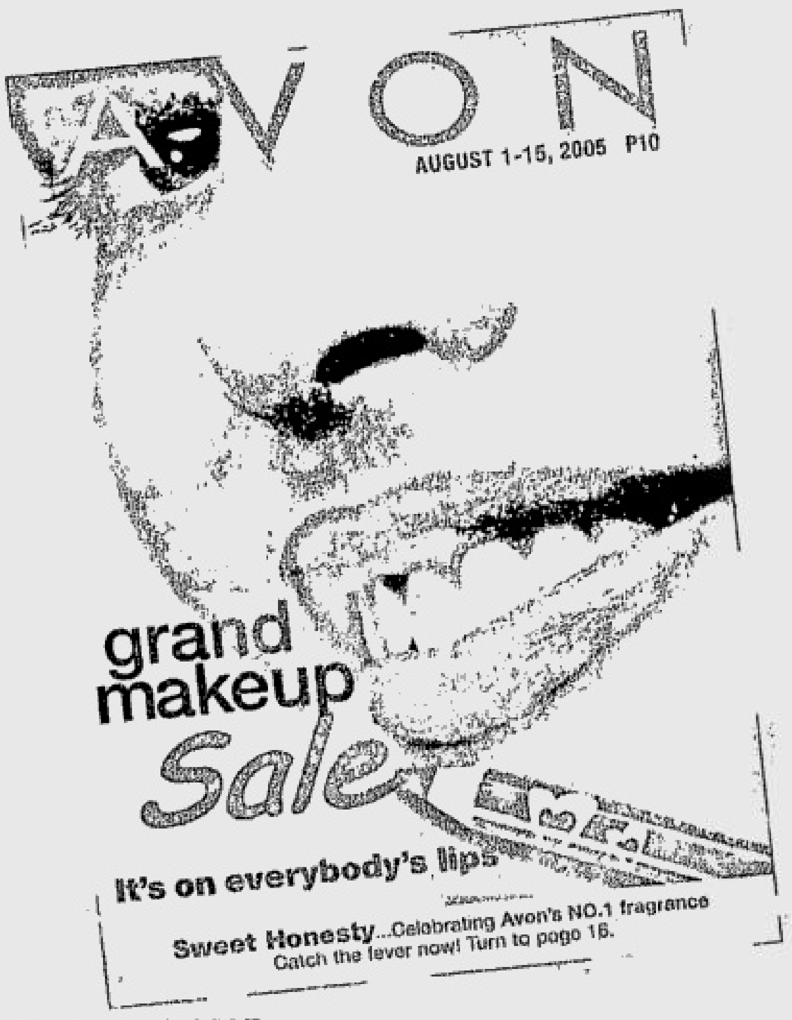
"WILL society ever accept that old can be beautiful, too?" Tokyo woman Fumi Tsujimoto, 54

"DOES skin really have to be flawless to be beautiful?" Dominique Low of Singapore, a woman with freckles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GRAND MAKEUP SALE

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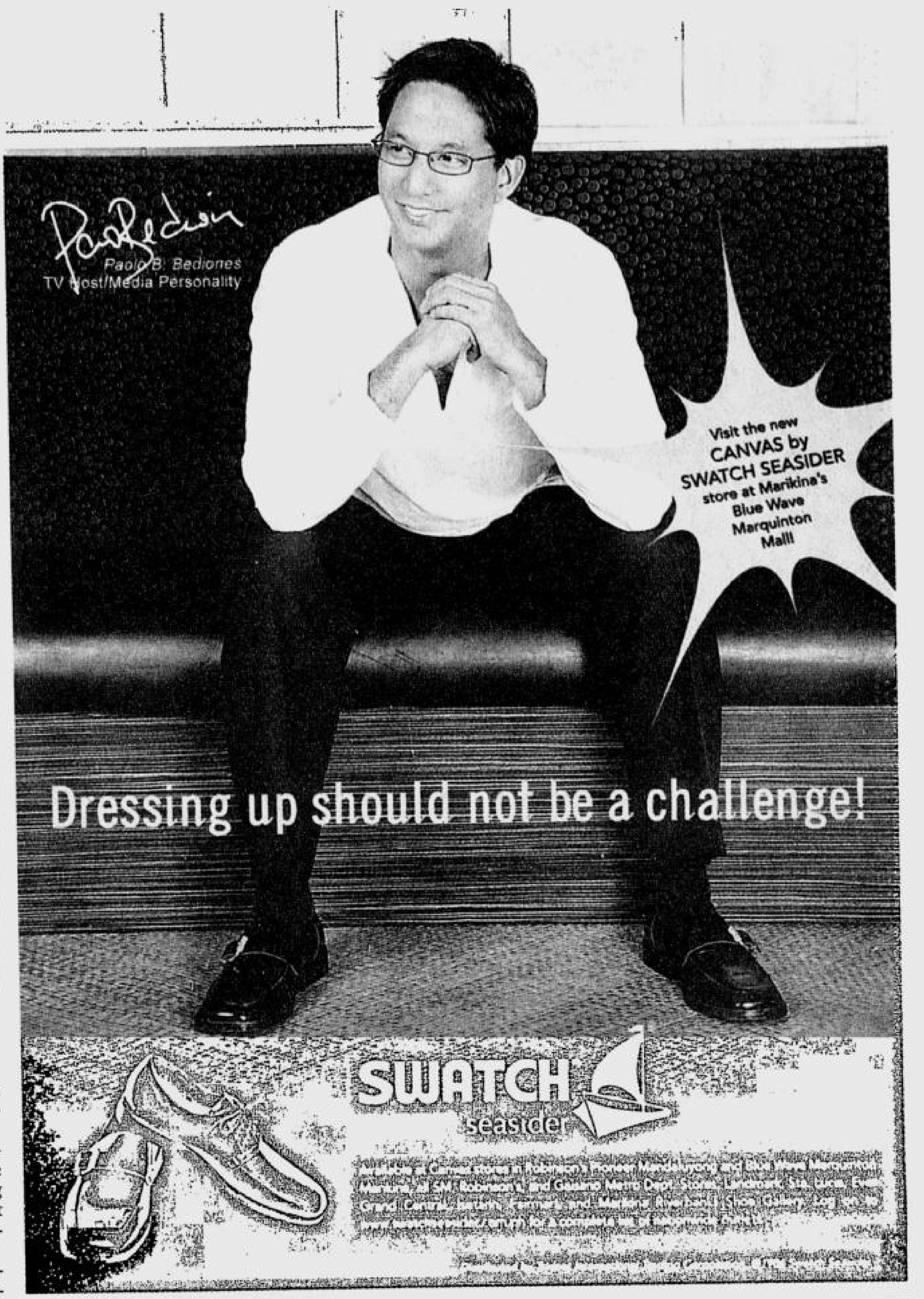
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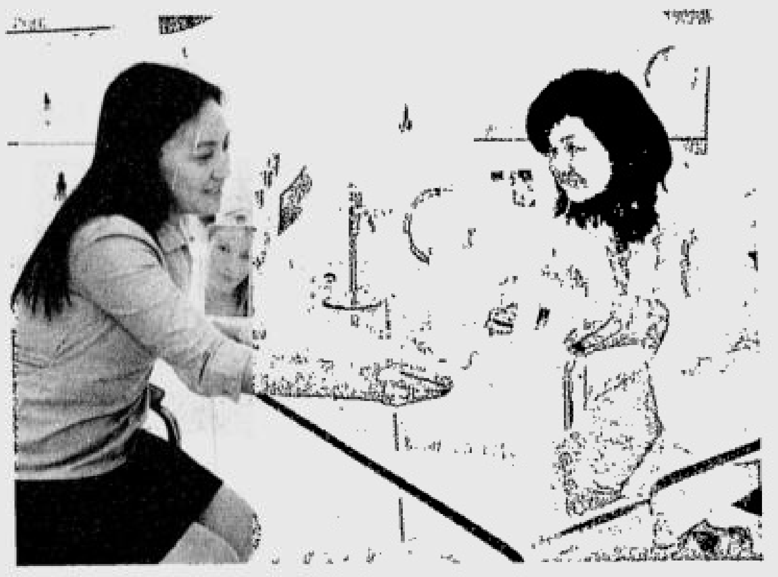

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Home to some of the world's renowned indulgence brands, 6750 is composed of Salon Essa, Kérastase Institute, Essensuals by Toni & Guy, My Beauty Hub, Nickel, Guinot Institut Paris, Dermatics, Bulgari, and the newly opened L'Obelisk, among other shops.

Salon Essa offers latest L'Oreal-designed treatments, including Kérastase K-Mist Nourishing, Smoothing, Force or Firm Rituals for your crowning glory.

Another touch of style comes care of Essensuals by Toni & Guy. Its crew of experts will ensure you have fun styling your hair. They offer color to highlight your features and frame the effect with shine enhancing miracle workers by Tigi Bed Head, not to mention pamper those nails, too, or sink into a hedonistically sensual foot spa!

How about some tender loving care for your skin at My Beauty Hub? Originally from Singapore, My Beauty Hub carries Carita, a premium skincare line that is one of the most sought-after among the globe's elite set. A Carita sub-line, Progressif, offers the best in high-tech services to control ageing. My Beauty Hub also houses brands such as Shiseido, one of the most revered beauty brands on the planet; Phytomer, the recognized specialist in skin balance and vitality; and the Vie Collection, a skincare line that enriches with different vitamins and minerals. The range of cosmetic buys include By Terry, Shiseido and Pied Nus. For men's skincare, products from Nickel, Shiseido Men and Phytomer Homme are available.

The Guinot Institut Paris at 6750 has treatments such as vitamin and ginseng enriched Liftosome specifically for mature skin, Beauty Neuve for the Hands, and other body scrubs and toning options for your own personal usage at home.

Dermatics, the skin therapy expert, is best known for its Pure Light Skin Lightener, Lift Off Exfoliant, Night Light Essence, and Sun Light Essence—all invigorating systems for the skin.

The final touch to adorning a woman's lovely skin is Bulgari, known the world over for its stunning timepieces and elegant jewelry.

Any woman knows, too, that when it comes to jewelry, more is definitely better, and the glitter of 6750 has just been turned up a notch with the opening of a brand new store known for its colored stones, L'Obelisk. Designed by Hermin Aslanian, L'Obelisk jewelry is much more than adornment.

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Dr. Pie Calayan is an award-winning cosmetologist (Gintong Ina and Ulirang Ina Awards), Mrs. Llenado is an educator and a recipient of Working Mom Magazine's Working Mom Award, while Mrs. Garcia is also an educator and a recipient of the Ulirang Ina Award.

MOM-C aims to fight modern day degenerative diseases by advocating the use of Vitamin C daily.

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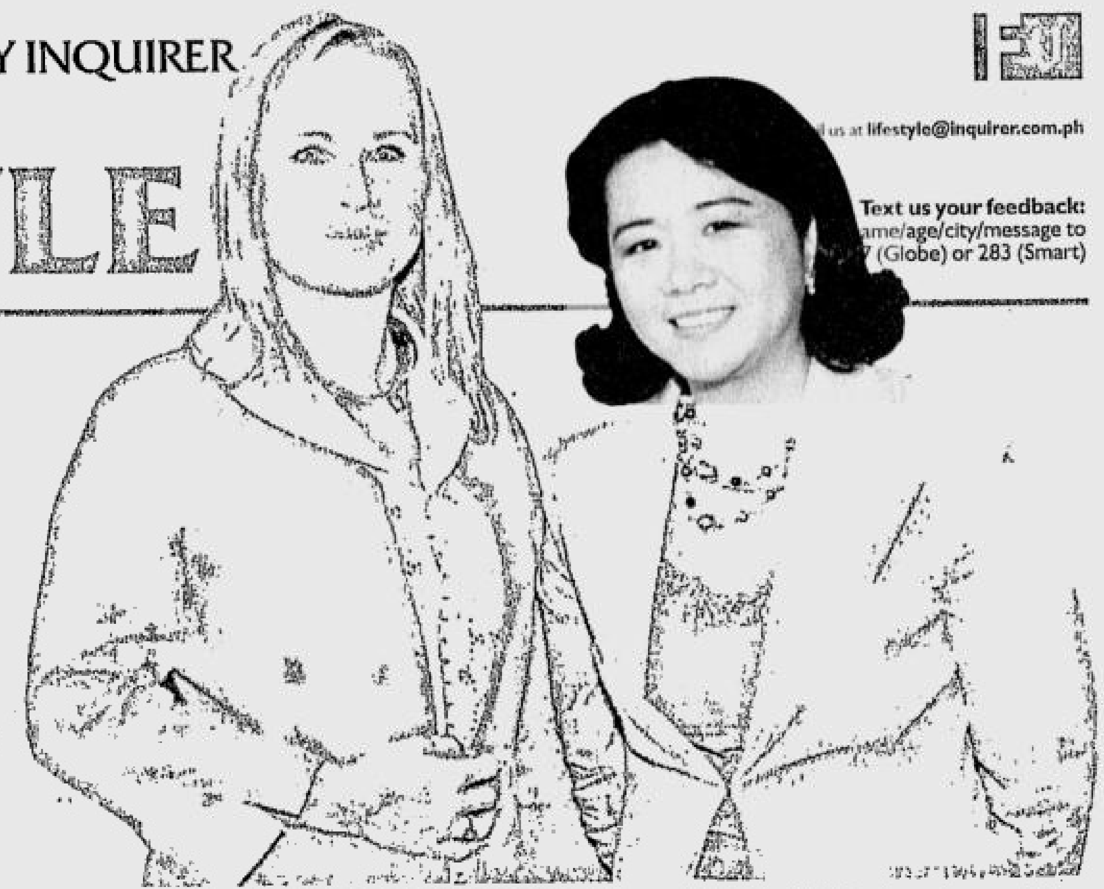

DR. Jana Vicanova, independent scientific consultant of Ferrosan A/S Soeberg, Denmark, with Myles Sulat, Ferrosan Philippines' country manager

By Rowena C. Burgos

IN A BID to keep their faces and bods looking good, women slather their skin with anti-aging products. And the newest treatment to join the wrinkle war is the Imedeen Expression Line Control.

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There are four products in this series: serum, day and night creams and eye cream. All products contain the same active ingredient Contra-X, which is made of six natural amino acids.

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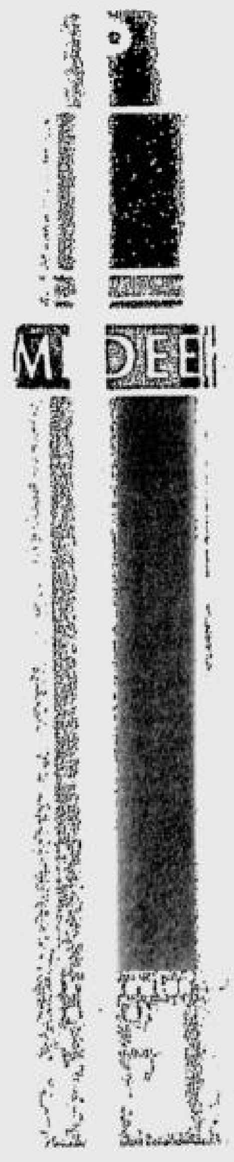

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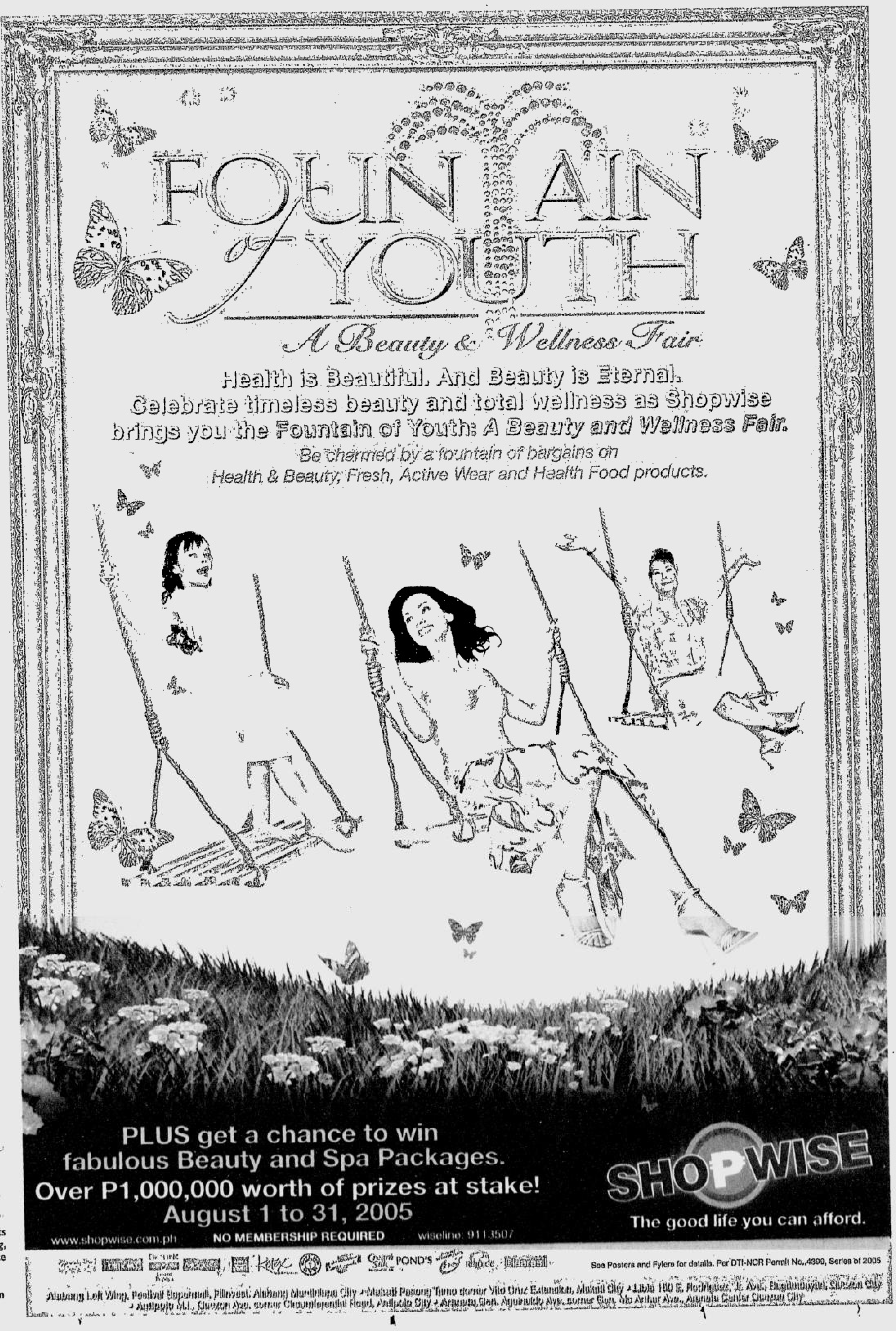

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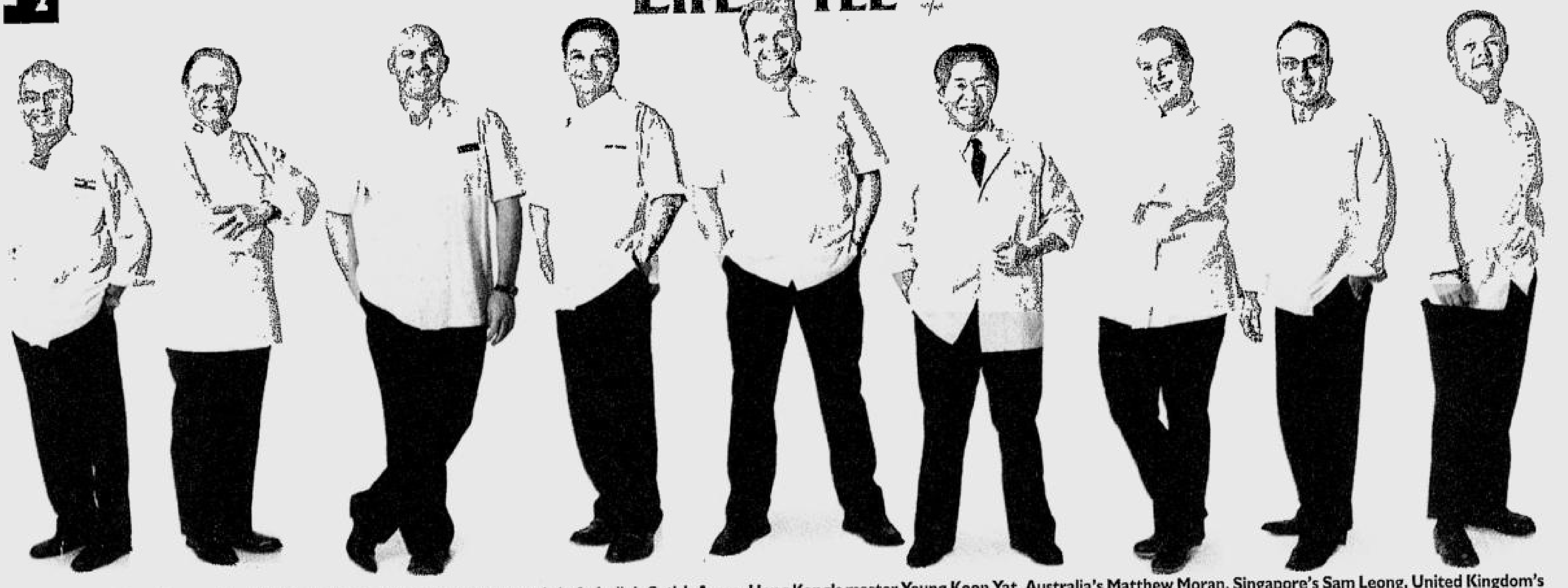

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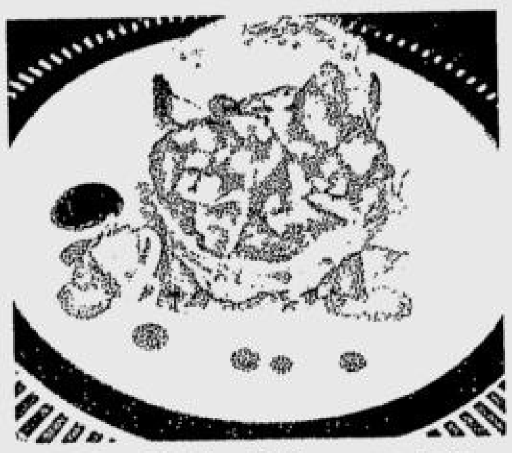
Top flight chefs for high-flying diners



COD fillet with olive oil, citrus sauce, baby carrots, baby asparagus, ginger and coriander, by French chef Blanc

PERFECT table setting for Singapore Airlines' gala dinner featuring the nine world-class chefs/restaurant owners

TRILOGY of chocolate and nuts. No adjective is enough to describe this absolutely divine desserts by three of the chefs on the panel: Arora, Oakes and Blanc

Part two

AS MENTIONED last Tuesday, we sat down for a Q&A with the members of Singapore Airlines' (SIA) mega International Culinary Panel.

Georges Blanc of Vonnas, France, one of the few grand masters of French cuisine, has received the Chef of the Year award from Gault and Milan.

Alfred Portale was named Best Chef in New York in 1993. He'd been at the famous Gotham Bar and Grill for 12 years and got four consecutive top-of-the-line reviews from New York Times. He is considered "the pioneer of New American Cuisine."

Matthew Moran of Sydney, Australia entered the culinary world at 15 and gained experience in some of Sydney's finest restaurants. The youngest chef to receive the *trés* prestigious One Chef's Hat of the influential Sydney Morning Herald Good Food Guide, he is co-owner of the award-winning Moran Restaurant and Café and the famed Aria that received the Two Chef's Hats award on its first year. This artistic chef is known for his "Modern Oz Cooking."

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache

Photos by **Alex Van Hagen** using **Kodak** EasyShare system

Indian **Satish Arora** has served his exquisite meals to kings and queens, presidents and prime ministers, and celebrities. Currently the director for food production of India's world-class Taj Group of Hotels and Taj Air Caterer, he is known for "developing a unique style of Indian cooking, combining traditional flavors and modern presentation." He helps raise the standards of SIA's Indian meals.

Award-winning **Nancy Oakes** is the only rose on the panel. Her restaurant, Boulevard, was voted number one in the San Francisco Bay Area. "Food presentation should flatter the guests in a way that makes them feel personally cared for," she explained to us.

Yoshihiro Murata-san of Kyoto, Japan has helped develop and shape Japan's culinary culture. The master chef is proprietor of the renowned Kikunoi Kyoto restaurant. Murata-san is a lecturer, has published three best-selling books, hosts television cooking programs, and does food promotions around the world.

From the United Kingdom came **Gordon Ramsay**, the wittiest in the prestigious panel. The Michelis Star restaurant guide book has awarded him three times and he has been named Chef of the Year in the UK. He is part-owner of the trendy resto, Aubergine, in the chi-chi Chelsea section of London, which has won tons of awards including a Michelis Star award just three years after it opened. He has published several cookbooks and presents his own cookery series, "Passion for Flavour" on TV in London, New York and Los Angeles.

"I'd like my guests to appreciate the rich flavors of the meal I prepare that remains light and healthy," he told us.

Yeung Koon Yat is a legend in the catering field in Hong Kong and one of the city's most awarded chefs. Among his awards were the CCC Gold Medal, presented by Club des Chefs des Chefs, and the Star of Excellence award from La Chaine des Rotisseurs. "I never use any kind of reprocessed seasoning, which makes Chinese food more delicious and preserves the essence of Chinese culinary culture," he explained.

The *trés charmant* and ever-smiling **Sam Leong** of Singapore is one of the airline's star chefs. Sam is the hot director of kitchens of the Tung Lok Group of restaurants in Singapore and is the maestro behind the modern Chinese cuisine served at Singapore's famous Jade, My Humble House, Space @ My Humble House and Puddy Fields Thai Restaurants. He has won tons of awards including the *trés* prestigious World Gourmet Summit Awards of Excellence for Asian Ethnic Chef for 2001, 2002 and 2004.

Now, *palanggas*, isn't that impressive?

In the evening, we had cocktails at the hotel's The Bar and, at 7 p.m., 500 hot-shot journalists from all over the globe, top restaurant owners in China and top SIA frequent flyer passengers from China enjoyed a 10-course dinner excellently prepared by SIA's International Culinary Panel, dahlings.

We started with the excellent goose liver terrine with Porto wine, artichoke and balsamic dressing by Georges Blanc of France. Next we had Yoshihiro Murata of Japan's plum compote, conger eel, river shrimp, simmered abalone and salmon downed with Dr. Loosen Riesling 2000 white wine, which also accompanied the absolutely fab braised abalone with goose web in superior sauce from the master, Yeung Koon Yat of Hong Kong.

The yummy tomato soup with cauliflower *veloute* garnished with lobster by Nancy Oakes of San Francisco, was accompanied by Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2004. It was followed by the superb seared grouper in horseradish *veloute* by the fab Gordon Ramsay of London. Next was the to-die-for crispy prawns coated with wasabi-mayo and mango salsa by Singapore's brilliant Sam Leong, downed with the smooth Cloudy Bay Sauvignon 2004.

The melt-in-your-mouth pan-roasted Muscovy duck breast with jus, cabbage and carrot by New York's Alfred Portale and the divine double-cooked pork belly with apple and balsamic, which took three days to prepare, by fun and talented Matt Moran of Sydney, were both downed with Cos d'Estournel 1998 red wine.

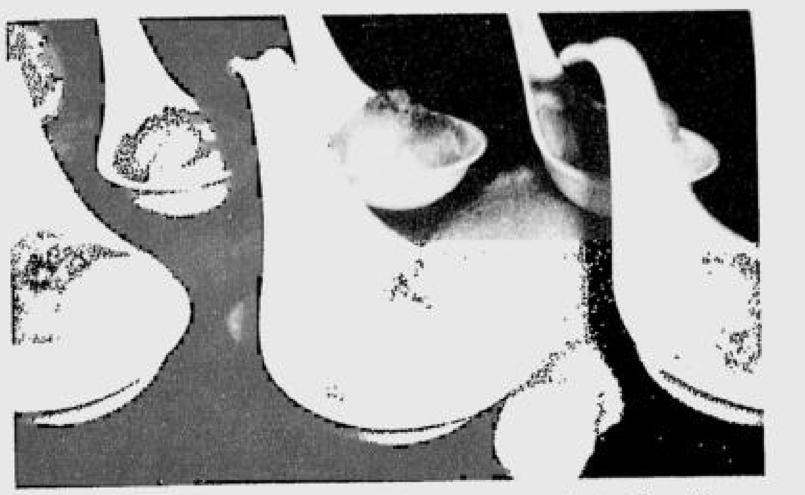
Satish Arora of India was applauded for his wow Indian-style cottage cheese dumpling on pickled mushroom, complemented by Cos d'Estournel 1998 red wine. I could not find the adjectives to describe the last dish, the dessert, a trilogy of chocolate and nuts by Satish, Nancy and Georges, accompanied by sips of the excellent Krug champagne.

The meal got a five-star rating and the chefs a five-minute standing ovation from all of us.

It was an absolutely awesome experience that I will never, never forget, *palanggas*. You, too, will be able to experience world-class, hard-to-beat meals on SIA flights.

Singapore Airlines is set to score another first. In 2006, it will be the first to fly the humongous double-decker Airbus 380. The international culinary panel of nine will ensure passengers a divine dining experience, *palanggas*.

No wonder SIA is noted for having the best "restaurants" in the sky.



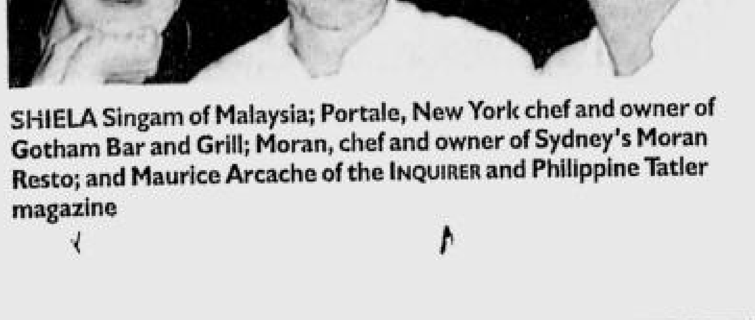
JAPANESE aperitif by master chef Murata-san—velvety tofu with sesame seeds, sea urchins, quail eggs and other exotic flavors

MANGOLORIAN lobsters, cumin-grilled vegetables, sauteed spinach and andhira rice, by Indian royal chef Arora

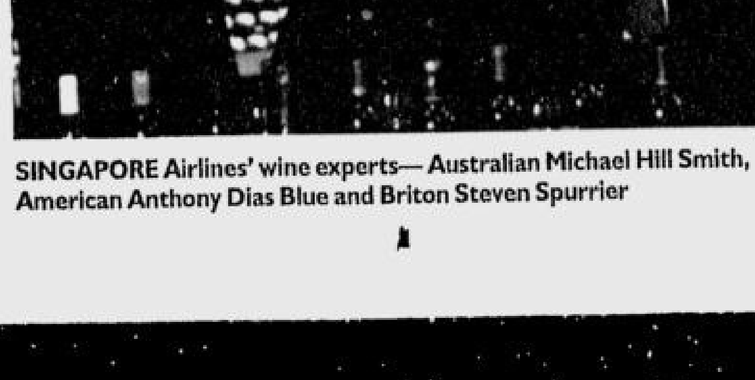
OUT-of-this-world pork dish, by creative Australian chef Moran takes three days to prepare.

PAN-ROASTED Muscovy duck breast with jus, cabbage and carrots, by New York's Portale

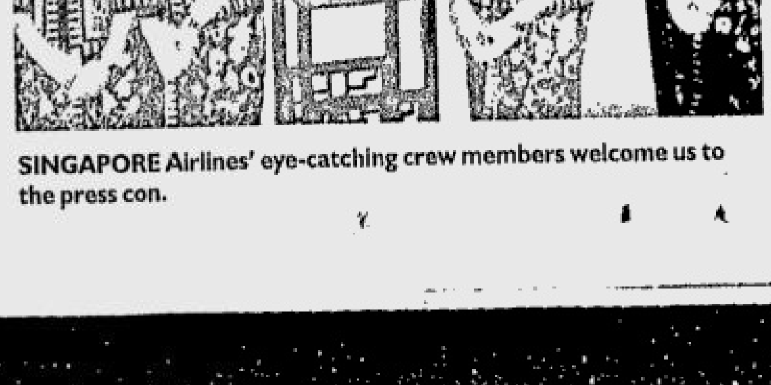
SEARED grouper in horseradish *veloute*, by London's Ramsay



SHIELA Singam of Malaysia; Portale, New York chef and owner of Gotham Bar and Grill; Moran, chef and owner of Sydney's Moran Resto; and Maurice Arcache of the INQUIRER and Philippine Tatler magazine



SINGAPORE Airlines' wine experts— Australian Michael Hill Smith, American Anthony Dias Blue and Briton Steven Spurrier



SINGAPORE Airlines' eye-catching crew members welcome us to the press con.

Say goodbye to morning bad breath

MAKEOVER 911

Kinny Salas

I DON'T care how gorgeous a person with perfect teeth, hair, body and face is. Once he (or she) opens his mouth and his breath can wilt a flower—all bets are off! Forget it, man, instant turnoff. You would have to be Brad Pitt or Jude Law for me to even consider seeing you again.

As a romance movie nut, one thing I always frowned upon were those morning-after-the-wedding-night scenes when the couples would kiss passionately first thing upon waking up. They would be gagging in real life. I certainly won't inflict my morning breath on the love of my life.

Guess what? I have actually found a product that makes that possible. It's a mouthwash called **Oracare** which guarantees eight hours of odor-free breath. I have road-tested it and found it effective against my morning breath and midday Atkin's diet caveman breath. Unlike other mouthwash, this does not sting when you swirl it around your mouth for a minimum 60 seconds.

I now brush my teeth, floss, use a tongue scraper and gargle with Oracare twice a day. I even have the 80 ml in my purse in case I get stranded somewhere.

Aside from the eight-hour feeling of security, Oracare also prevents bacteria that cause plaque and gum disease. I just learned that an average American has a billion bacteria per tooth. Can you imagine how much an average Filipino who doesn't really go to the dentist regularly has?

It is not recommended to gargle more than twice a day because it may deplete the protective layer around the teeth making it more sensitive. First thing in the morning and before sleeping are the ideal times to do it.

Oracare is available at any Health Express, Rustan's and Landmark Supermarket

Through Dr. Vicki Belo and Spectrumed, the exclusive distributors of Elos machines here in the Philippines, I was able to interview hotshot New York-based dermatologist and Cornell University professor Dr. Neil Sadick. He came over to talk about the three star products in his practice with Elos technology: The Aurora, Polaris and VelaSmooth aka Lipolight non-ablative laser machines.

Non-ablative

Non-ablative means that unlike the first-generation lasers, these three that combine IR (infrared) and RF (radio frequency) will not damage the skin on the surface but will be able, through electrical energy, penetrate deep into the face or body and zero in on the problematic layer to solve skin discoloration (redness, freckles, pigmentation) via the Aurora, sagging skin without the scarring and cutting of the classic facelift via the Polaris, and cellulite via the Lipolight or Velasmooth.

I am an avid fan of the Aurora, which has kept at bay my brown spots, broken capillaries and skin redness due to mild adult acne. This has also helped me control excessive oiliness for my acne-prone skin.

Dr. Belo is the first, if not the only one to have all three Elos machines in the country and for quite some time.

I am too young for the Polaris and have been too busy to try the Lipolight that until recently has been forever fully booked. I will tell you how it goes once I have completed the 12-18 sessions.

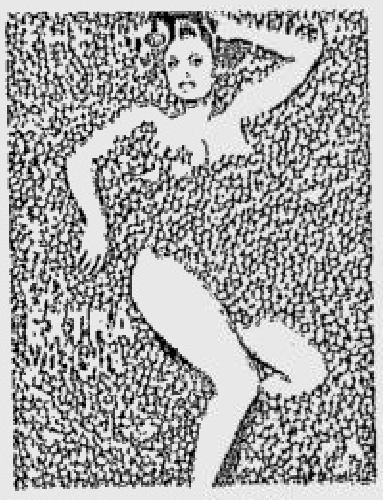
Dr. Sadick shares his four keys to staying young. 1. Protect skin with antioxidant creams such as Vitamin C in the daytime to boost resistance to environmental damage. 2. Assist in skin turnover by using AHA's, and Vitamin A creams like retinol or tretinoin and regular microdermabrasion such as Power Peel and Oxygen Jet Peels. 3. Stimulate collagen production to balance out skin irregularities and repair damage like pigmentation, skin redness and capillaries, which the Aurora deals with. And 4. Tighten the skin.

The Polaris machine with only a few sessions every two weeks gives the effect of a mini facelift without downtime and scarring. Call the Belo hotline at 8442939 or check out the website at www.belomed.com

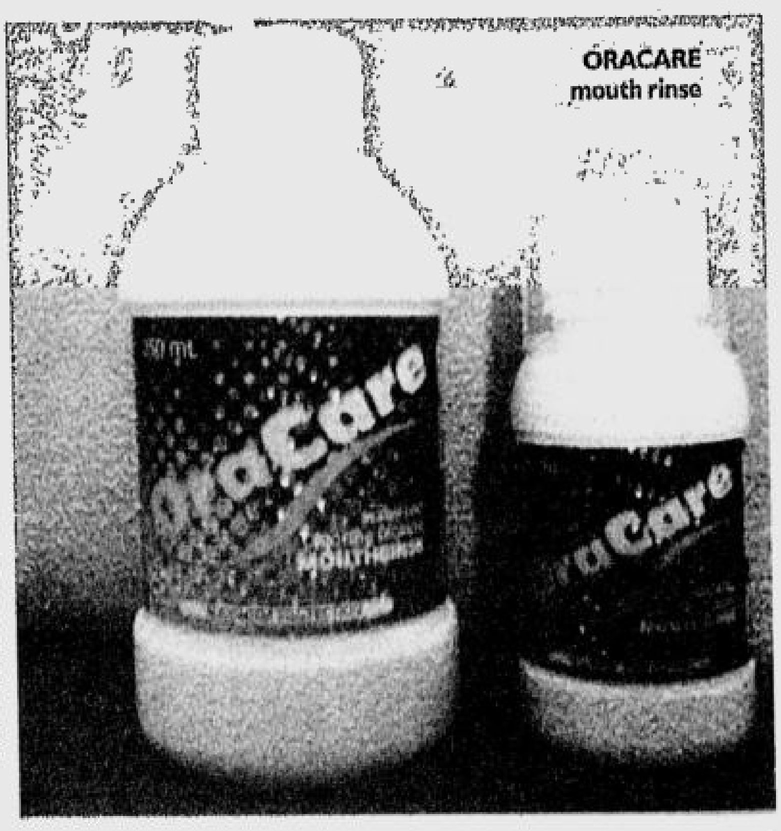
Announcement: The Body Shop has an enticing Olive body line promo till the end of August. Every P400 purchase entitles a customer to a 25-percent off on the best-selling Olive Dry oil mist spray. An P800 single receipt will entitle one to two bottles at 25 percent each.

I have a constant supply of the **Body Scrub** (P895), which evens out my skin tone by removing dead skin cells. I also have the **shower gel** (P245) and the dry oil mist (P650). The **Olive shampoo** and conditioner at P425 each are also staples of mine. I alternate the Olive shampoo with the Nettle every so often, but it has to be the Olive conditioner for me.

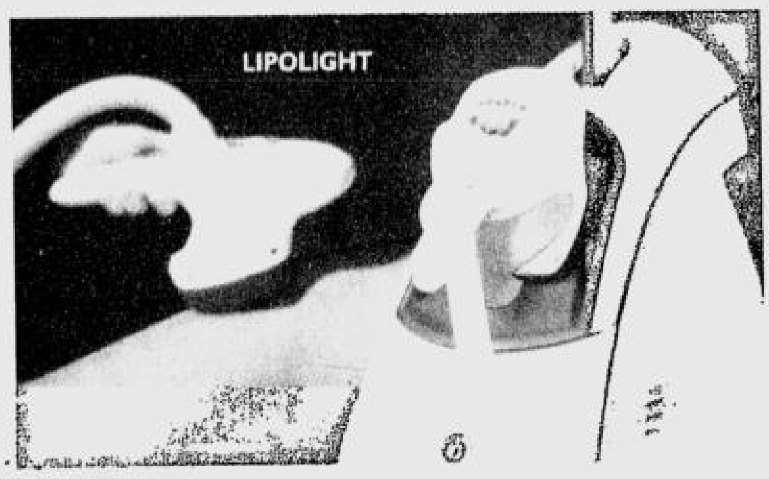
Tip: For fragrance, the Lemon tea parfum goes best with the Olive range.



BODY Shop Olive body line



ORACARE mouth rinse



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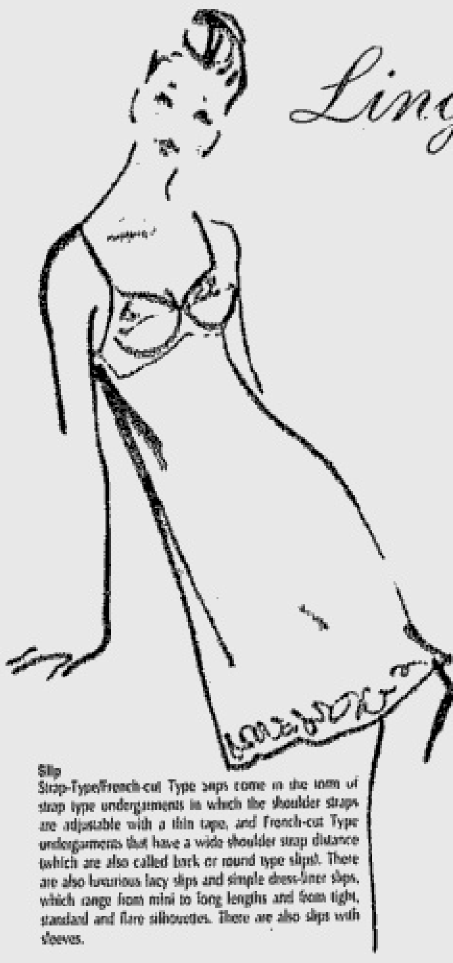
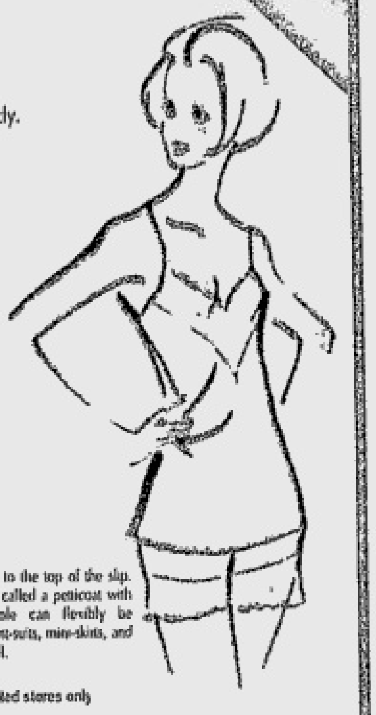
Lingerie for that Touch of Mystery

Women are blessed for only they can experience the joy of wearing lingerie!
Not only is lingerie lovely to wear, it also adds the final hint of feminine mystery
to your appearance. Lingerie adds the finishing touches to beautifully highlight your body.

The roles of lingerie
1. Lingerie is worn between your foundation garments (bra and girdle) and attire to allow your clothes to flow smoothly on your body.
2. Foundation garments correct your proportion, while lingerie creates a beautiful silhouette.
3. Lingerie absorbs sweat and oils (impurities) to prevent your clothes from being soiled.
4. Lingerie can be worn under sheer clothes to prevent a see-through effect.
5. Lingerie is an important accessory to complete your attire.
6. Lingerie heightens your confidence in your appearance.
7. Lingerie highlights your sense of feminine fashion and allure.



Slip
Strap-Type/French-cut Type slips come in the form of strap type undergarments in which the shoulder straps are adjustable with a thin tape, and French-cut Type undergarments that have a wide shoulder strap distance (which are also called back or round type slips). There are also luxurious lacy slips and simple dress-liner slips, which range from mini to long lengths and from tight, standard and flare silhouettes. There are also slips with sleeves.



Camisole
The camisole refers to the top of the slip. The bottom only is called a petticoat with which the camisole can flexibly be combined under pant-suits, mini-skirts, and various other apparel.

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Are you ready to face your skin?

Have you ever wondered why Japanese women's skin is smooth, radiant and fit? Don't worry, it's not solely genetics. Anyone can have the same beautiful skin. All it takes is discipline and dedication to allot enough time and effort to care for your skin. Let's start with the simplest yet most essential of all -- proper cleansing.

Use a makeup remover. When wearing makeup, it is very important to double cleanse. Use both makeup remover and facial wash. First, wipe off makeup with a makeup remover. It's the only product that can help completely take away makeup impurities, which may cause pimples and premature aging.

Use a facial wash for thorough cleaning. After removing the makeup, it's time to remove the dirt. A facial wash can take away dirt from the pores. For best results, remember to make it lather first before application.

When not wearing any makeup, especially after a long sleep, it's important to wash your face. But, washing with water alone won't do. The skin continues to release oil or sebum, which may cause pimples, blackheads and premature aging. Only with a facial wash can your face be free from sebum.

Only clean things should touch your face. Simple things can irritate and damage your skin. Your hair, face towel, pillowcase, foundation puffs, and even your hand, for example, carry germs that can irritate your skin. Remember to keep hair out of your face, change your face towel and pillowcase as often as possible, and wash your foundation puffs at least once a week. Every time you use your hands to touch your face, make sure to wash them first. These simple tricks can help you keep your face free from irritation.

Wash your face as soon as you get home. When there's no more need for makeup, get rid of it immediately. This will relieve your face from dirt and unnecessary strain.

These may seem to be lot to do, but it'll be all worth it. In time, taking care of your skin will come naturally. Japanese women didn't get their gorgeous skin overnight. It took them years of patience, care and learning. Let's start now. Let's face it. We owe it to ourselves.

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Like SEKKISEI, Wacoal also aspires to help women reach their full potential. Make them see and realize that it goes beyond good skin and exquisite undergarments. More importantly, it's about the profound effects it gives to a woman's personality.

Through their current effort, The Perfect Fit Campaign, Wacoal educates women about the importance of wearing underwear that fits them perfectly. And how this simple detail can improve their level of comfort and, consequently, their level of confidence.

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Skincare from within

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Treatment from within

But can pills and foods boost beauty from within? Vicanova gives a cautious yes. "The benefits won't be huge but lots of small things can add up to a larger whole," she says. "Adding supplements and foods to your arsenal is like an insurance policy."

Eating the right foods will certainly boost your skin's radiance and may even keep wrinkles at bay. "Good nutrition gives you the complex vitamins your body needs to fight off premature aging," Vicanova says.

She adds that treating one's skin through potions and creams helps on the surface, but feeding your skin from the inside with an oral supplement can dramatically improve its appearance, elasticity and longevity.

"Nutraceuticals are becoming popular because some people lack essential nutrients for the skin. That is why when they take a supplement they really see the results and they then carry on with it," Vicanova explains. "We do believe that topicals should be used in conjunction with skincare supplements for enhanced results, because nutrition obviously is acting more in the deep layers."

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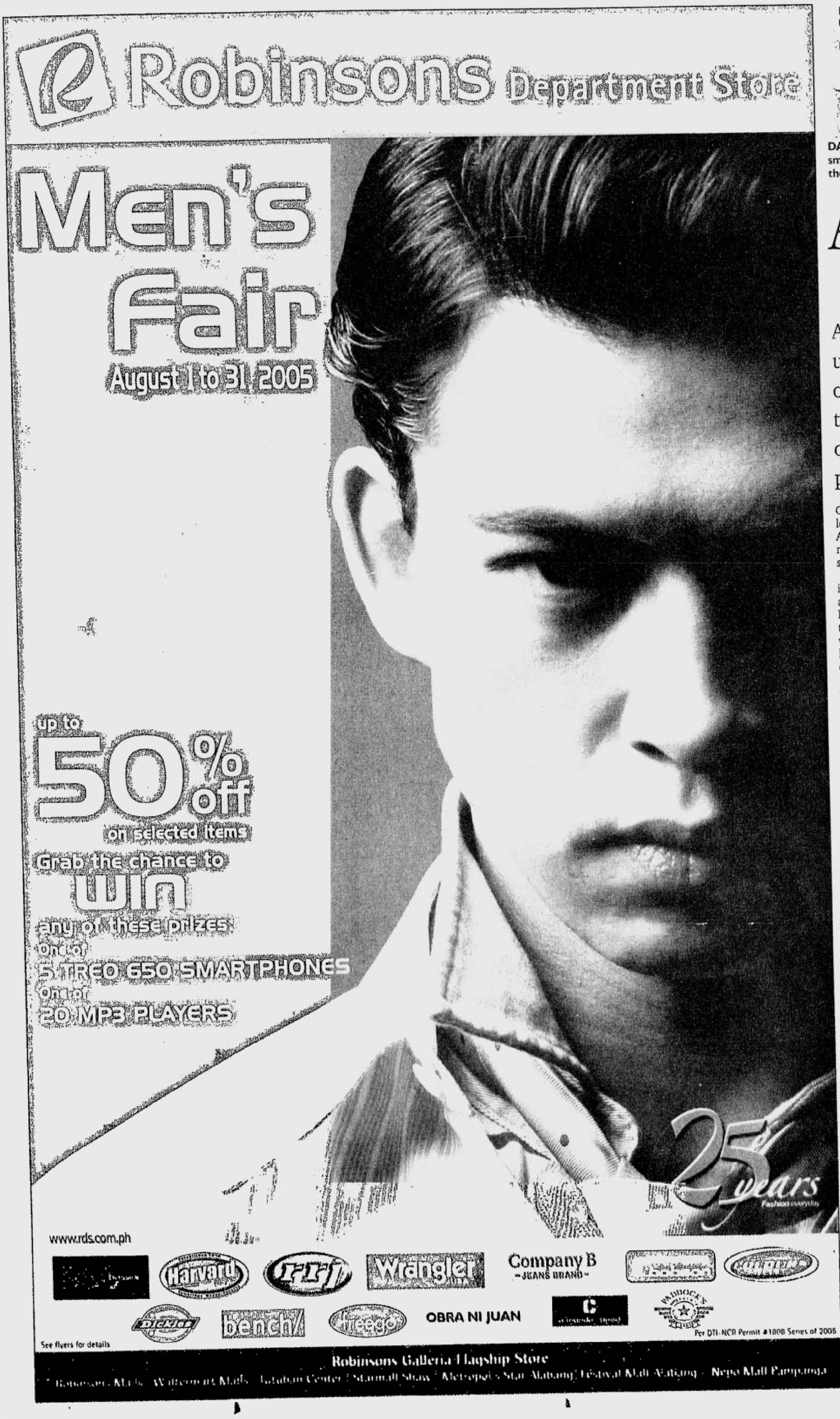

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Away with acne

A treatment that makes use of wavelengths of light to penetrate the blocked pores of the skin boasts of 90 percent success rate

CONTRARY to popular belief, pimple problems are not the monopoly of teenagers. Adults, too, may suffer varying degrees of acne and the results may negatively affect their self-confidence and, thus, their quality of life.

Clarity Aesthetic and Laser Center SM City is now offering a breakthrough treatment to aid acne sufferers in improving both their looks and lives. Dubbed acne phototherapy, the treatment makes use of the LHE system, which effectively cures acne by using wavelengths of light to penetrate the blocked pores of the skin.

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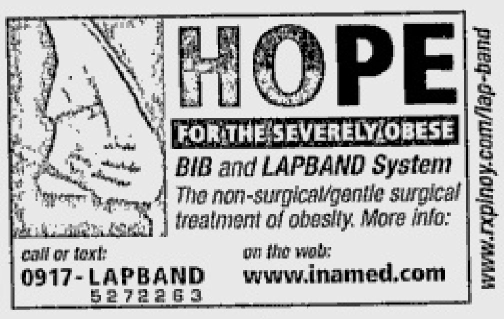
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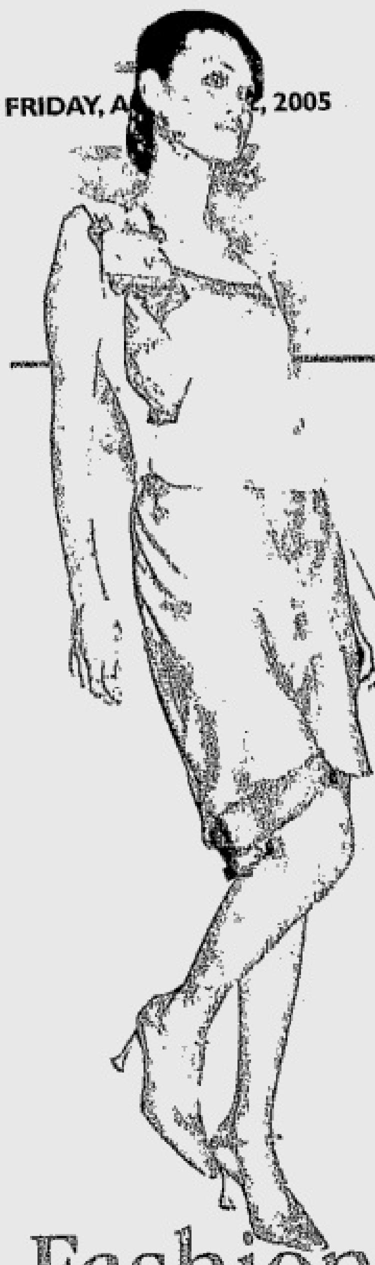

TWO-PIECE dress with pre-holiday sheen and flow

Wallpaper, paper dolls, discount cards—is this the new way to sell clothes?

Fashion etcetera store turns 20

Text by Alex Y. Vergara
Photos by Jim Guiao Punzalan

LOYAL *suki* (patrons) of Sari-Sari Store can download wallpaper for their cell phones and computers featuring models and celebrities wearing the hottest dresses. At the same time, they can avail of discounts to some of the coolest establishments in Metro Manila such as Discovery Suites, Silverworks, Nuvo, Absinth and iGig, among others.

To mark its 20th year in the fashion biz, Sari-Sari Store has tapped the services of Cube Interactive to update its website (www.sari-sari.com). Apart from enabling the public to download wallpaper and operator logos, the improved website contains useful fashion tips and trivia.

Not that Sari-Sari's patrons need a drastic makeover. But at the rate new trends in fashion keep cropping up these days, even the trendiest fashionista can certainly use some help.

Wallpaper

"We've tied up with major cell phone companies to make it easier for the public to download our wallpapers," says Marni Ocampo, president of the Sari-Sari Store chain. "It's very user-friendly even to a non-techie like me."

The website, of course, features some of the company's latest fashion merchandise whether imported or manufactured and designed locally by in-house talents Bang Pineda, Michelle Lim and Kits Lopez.

The launch at The Hole in Makati culminated in a mini fashion show featuring

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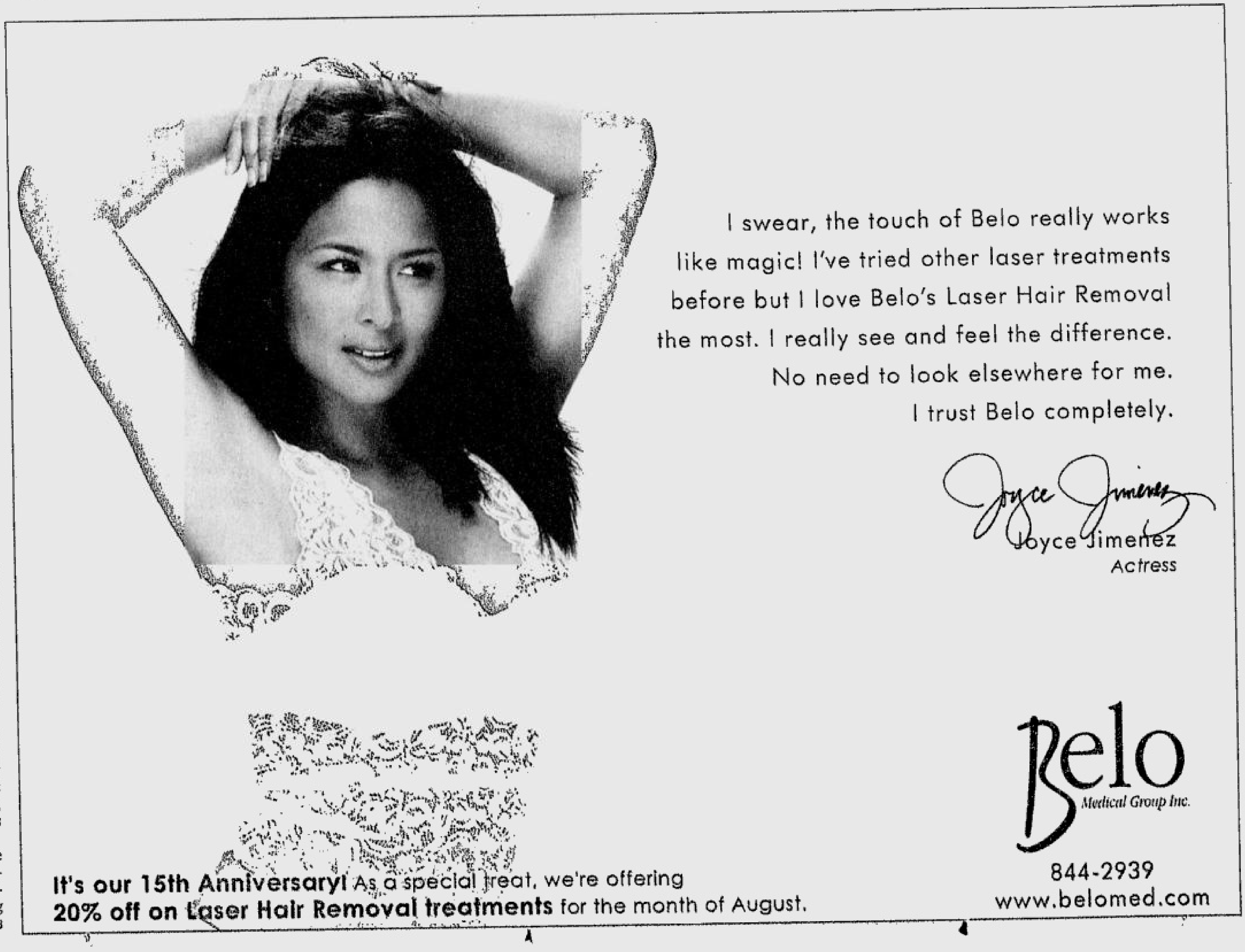
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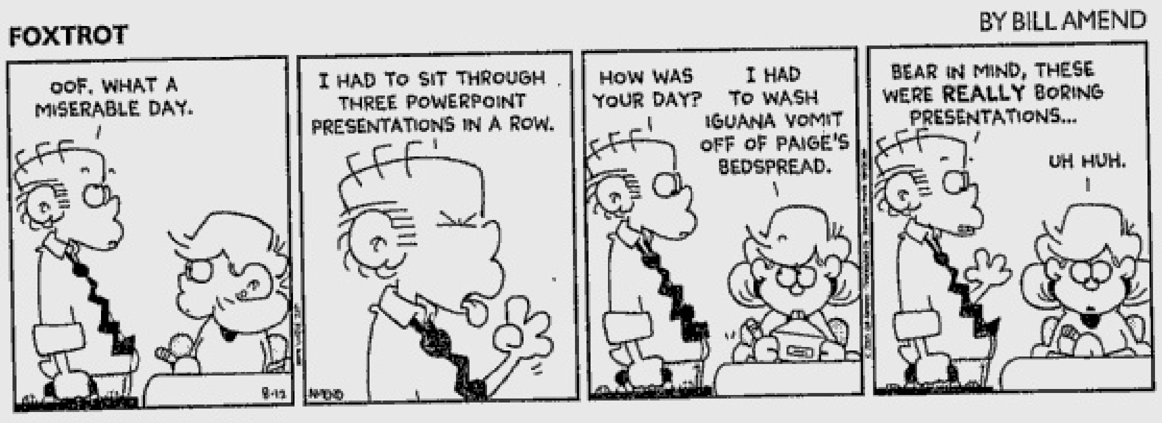
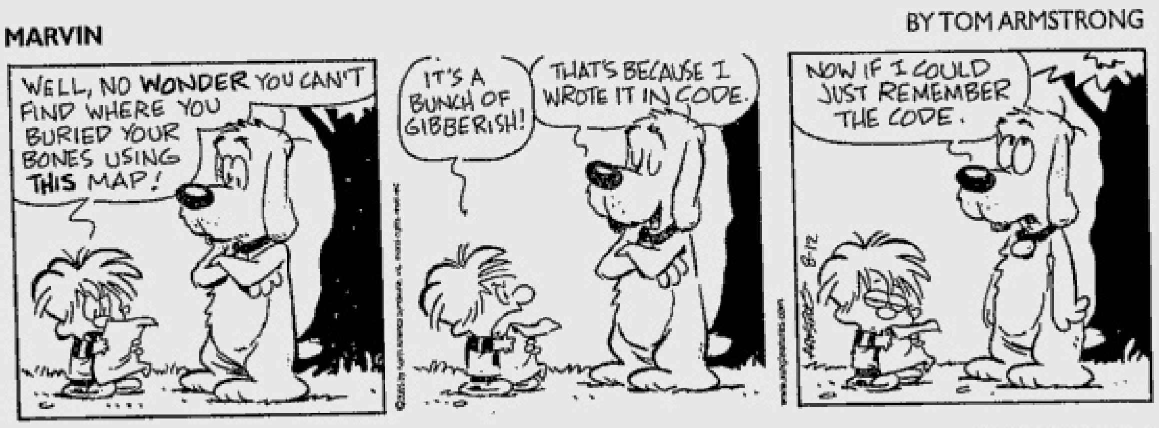

OOF. WHAT A MISERABLE DAY.
I HAD TO SIT THROUGH THREE POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS IN A ROW.
HOW WAS YOUR DAY?
I HAD TO WASH IGUANA VOMIT OFF OF PAIGE'S BEDSPREAD.
BEAR IN MIND, THESE WERE REALLY BORING PRESENTATIONS...
UH HUH.
8-12
AMEND

MARVIN

BY TOM ARMSTRONG


WELL, NO WONDER YOU CAN'T FIND WHERE YOU BURIED YOUR BONES USING THIS MAP!
IT'S A BUNCH OF GIBBERISH!
THAT'S BECAUSE I WROTE IT IN CODE.
NOW IF I COULD JUST REMEMBER THE CODE.
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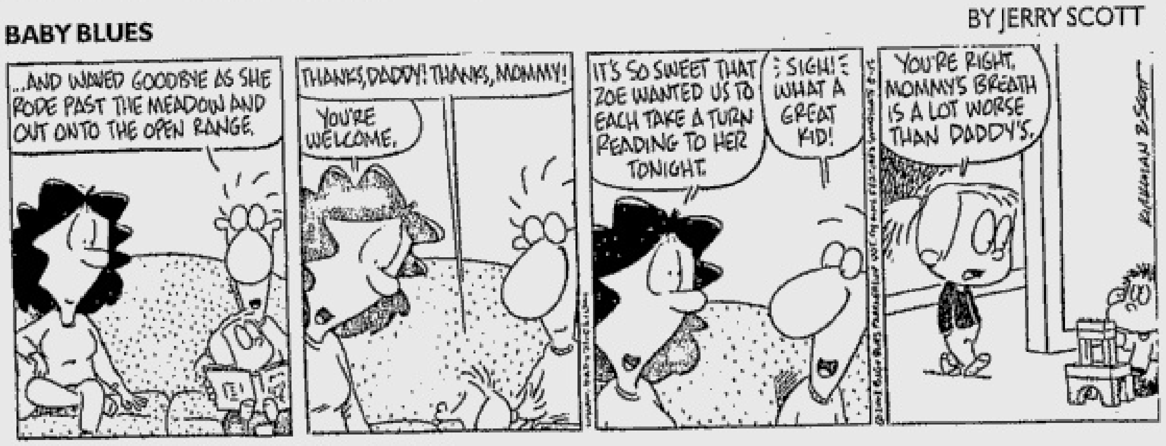
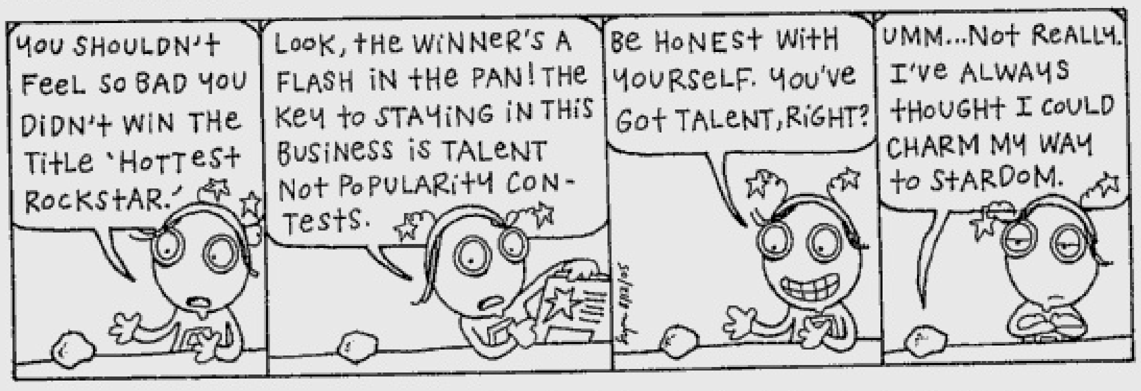
BABY BLUES

BY JERRY SCOTT


...AND WAVED GOODBYE AS SHE RODE PAST THE MEADOW AND OUT ONTO THE OPEN RANGE.
THANKS, DADDY! THANKS, MOMMY!
YOU'RE WELCOME.
IT'S SO SWEET THAT ZOE WANTED US TO EACH TAKE A TURN READING TO HER TONIGHT.
SIGH! WHAT A GREAT KID!
YOU'RE RIGHT. MOMMY'S BREATH IS A LOT WORSE THAN DADDY'S.
KIRKMAN & SCOTT

ATOMO AND WEBOY

BY LYRA GARCELLANO


You SHOULDN't FeeL So BAD You DiDN't WIN THE Title 'HoTTest RockstAR.'
Look, the WiNNeR'S A FLASH iN the PAN! THE Key to STAYiNG iN THiS Business is TALENT Not PoPULARity CON-Tests.
Be HoNEst With YourSeLF. You've Got TALENT, RiGHT?
UMM...Not ReaLLY. I've ALWAYS thought I couLD CHARM MY WAY to StARDoM.

HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE

YOU BORN TODAY: You have a busy life because you constantly attempt to do many things. And you succeed! You're highly creative; and you're serious about whatever you do. You're extremely hardworking. You do your homework so that you're prepared. You have a strong respect for tradition. A major cycle finished for you this year. **Birthdate of: Pete Sampras, tennis player; Mark Knopfler, musician; William Goldman, writer.**

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): This is not a good day to share things. You're too confused about something, especially with friends and groups. You don't have all the facts about something. Therefore—do nothing. (Protect yourself.)

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): Just listen to bosses, supervisors and authority figures today. Do not contradict them. Something fuzzy and confusing is afoot. Until you know what it is, remain silent.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): This is not a good day to sign papers, negotiate contracts, or do important deals at work. The odds are not with you today. (Cool your jets.)

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): This is a very poor day for any kind of financial stuff. Think twice before you spend your money. Think twice before you share it or give it away. (Deception is possible.)

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): Don't get on your soapbox about anything important with family members and partners today. You don't have all the information! You think you do—but you don't. Therefore, be cautious and prudent.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): Someone might be working against your best interests. This person could be a secret enemy or someone you don't even know. Tread carefully.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): Don't discuss important financial matters with friends and groups today. Ditto for dealing with your own children. Misunderstandings are rampant! (Guard your purse.)

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): This is the classic day for misunderstandings between bosses, parents and any kind of authority figure. (This includes the police.) Be polite; make no commitments about anything. Mum's the word.

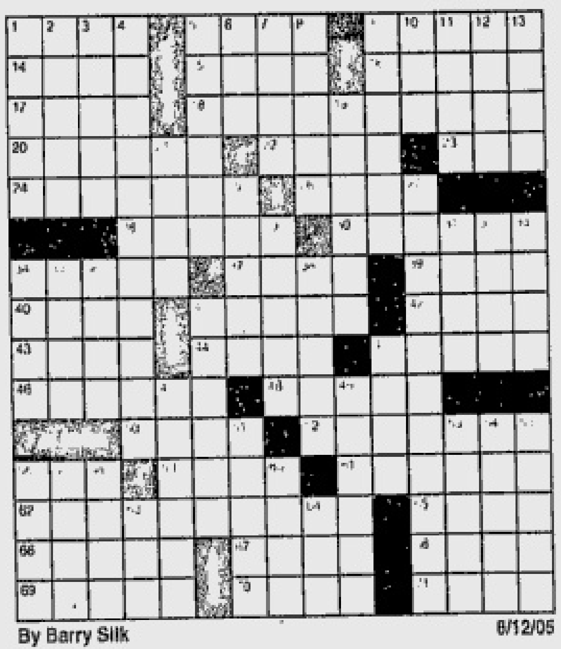
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): Quit trying to argue or persuade anyone about something that is political, religious or philosophical today. You don't have all the facts! (And don't kid yourself.)

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): Don't give away the farm today. You don't have the whole picture. Matters related to taxes, debt and shared possessions are not clear—not really.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): Avoid arguments with loved ones, parents and partners. It's all pie-in-the-sky stuff. People have Vaseline on their lenses today. Nobody sees the whole picture about anything. (This includes you.)

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): Something is very confusing at work today. (Or in your daily life.) Knowing this, you should wait before you make any important decisions. Why build a castle on sand?

DAILY CROSSWORD



By Barry Silk
McLean, VA

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ACROSS
1 Fifty percent
5 Cyber-nuisance
9 Capture
14 Diva's offering
15 Verdi opera
16 Caruso or Pavarotti
17 Lofting shots
18 Stunt show
20 Pestilent fly
22 Cambodian currency
23 CIA forerunner
24 Ungenerous
26 Norwegian saint
28 Of the eyes
30 Joke response
34 Cat sounds
37 Type of forest
39 Marquand's sleuth
40 From the top
41 On-ramp sign
42 TV horse
43 One of a sailing trio
44 Object of devotion
45 Fashionably old-fashioned
46 Applies, as pressure
48 Unifying idea
50 Info
52 Neil Sedaka hit
56 Reproductive cells
59 Physical opening?
61 Withdraw
62 Go-between's charge
65 "Dark Angel" star Jessica
66 Gala celebrations
67 Has a bite
68 Welsh symbol
69 Taste sensation
70 Keystone location
71 Singer Nelson

DOWN
1 Stops
2 Got up
3 Written defamation
4 VCR button
5 Most risk-free
6 __ in the sky
7 Jewish month
8 Andretti or Lemieux
9 Holden film, "__ 17"
10 Common Market abbr.
11 Involved with
12 Animal displays
13 Messes up
19 Catlike
21 Drinks daintily
25 Put on the payroll
27 Dangerously alluring woman
29 Rebound shot
31 Wrongful act
32 Roman way
33 Commotion
34 Glazier's item
35 MS-DOS competitor
36 Philosopher Descartes
38 Domed dwelling
41 Sir
45 Houston university
47 Most docile
49 Beat the wheat
51 Bewildered
53 Ticked off
54 Shaped into a sphere
55 Full of holes
56 Switch positions
57 Opinion
58 Pony up
60 Out yonder
63 Tweedle ending?
64 & so forth

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

P	C	S		A	U	R	A	E		R	E	M	U	S
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A. LIPIN

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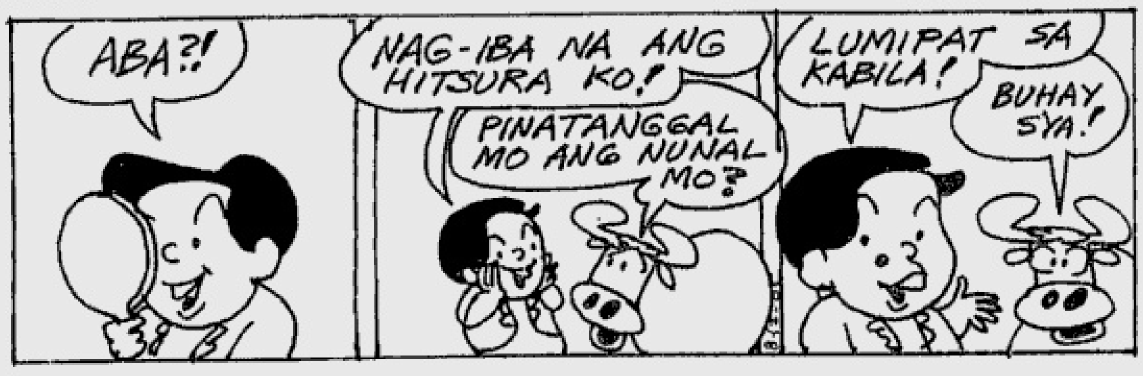
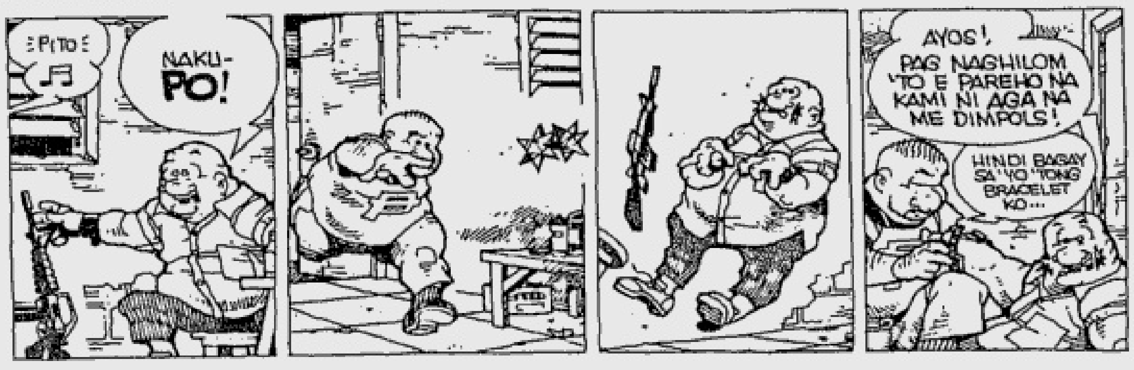

ABA?!
NAG-IBA NA ANG HITSURA KO!
PINATANGGAL MO ANG NUNAL MO?
LUMIPAT SA KABILA!
BUHAY SYA!

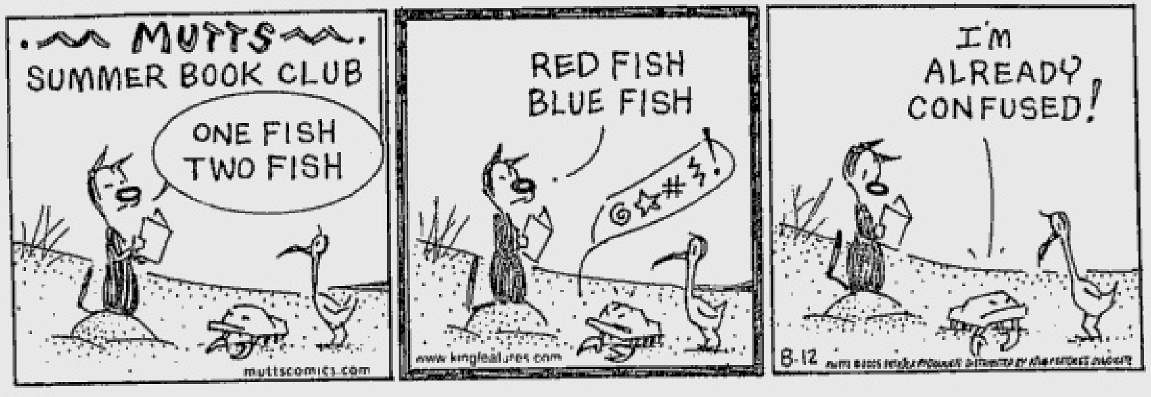
PUGAD BABOY

BY P.M. JUNIOR


PITO
NAKU-PO!
AYOS! PAG NAGHILOM 'TO E PAREHO NA KAMI NI AGA NA ME DIMPOLS!
HINDI BAGAY SA'YO 'TONG BRACELET KO...

MUTTS

BY PATRICK McDONNELL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SUMMER BOOK CLUB
ONE FISH TWO FISH
RED FISH BLUE FISH
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I'M ALREADY CONFUSED!
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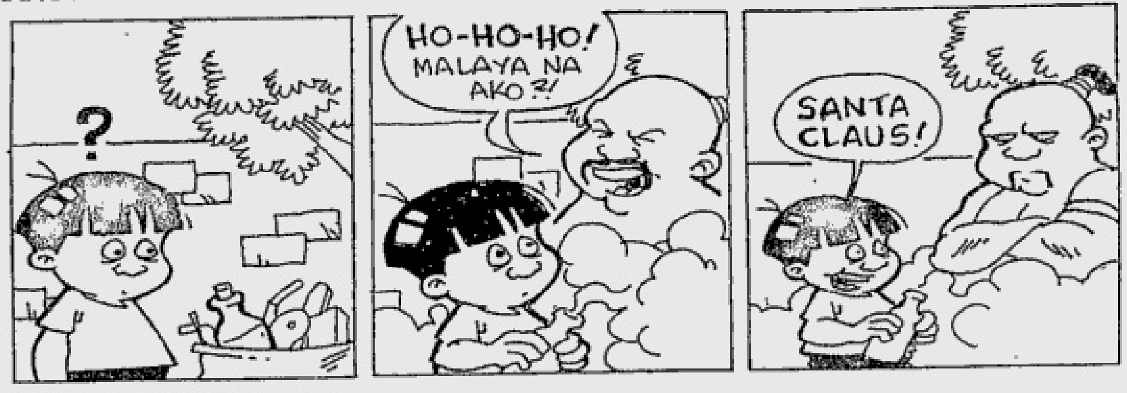
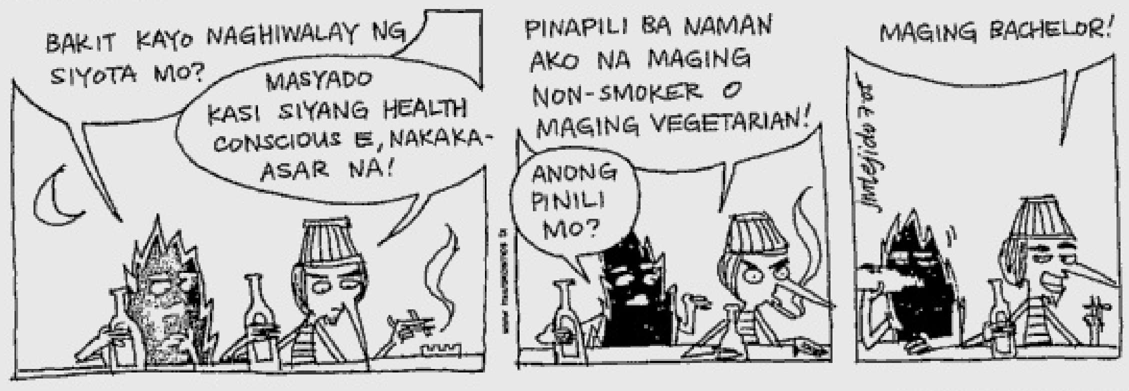
KAMOTE

BY RICKY BARBOZA


?
HO-HO-HO! MALAYA NA AKO?!
SANTA CLAUS!

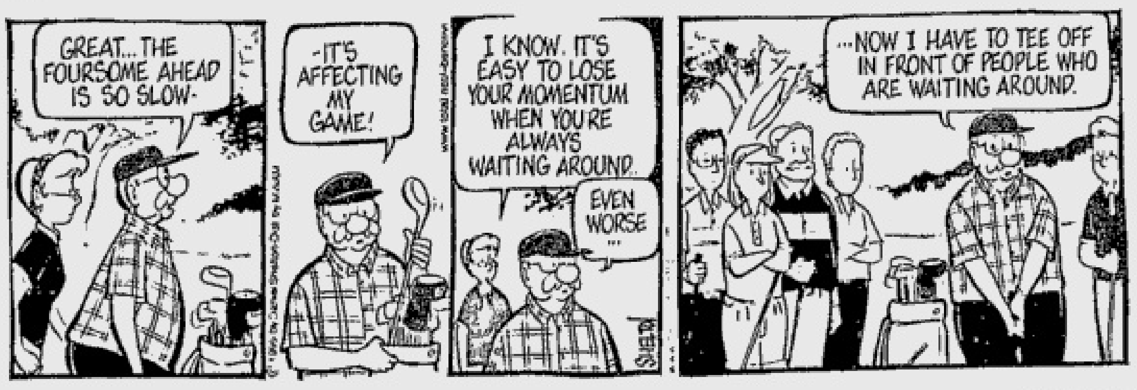
MIKROKOSMOS

BY JOMIKE TEJIDO


BAKIT KAYO NAGHIWALAY NG SIYOTA MO?
MASYADO KASI SIYANG HEALTH CONSCIOUS E, NAKAKA-ASAR NA!
PINAPILI BA NAMAN AKO NA MAGING NON-SMOKER O MAGING VEGETARIAN!
ANONG PINILI MO?
MAGING BACHELOR!

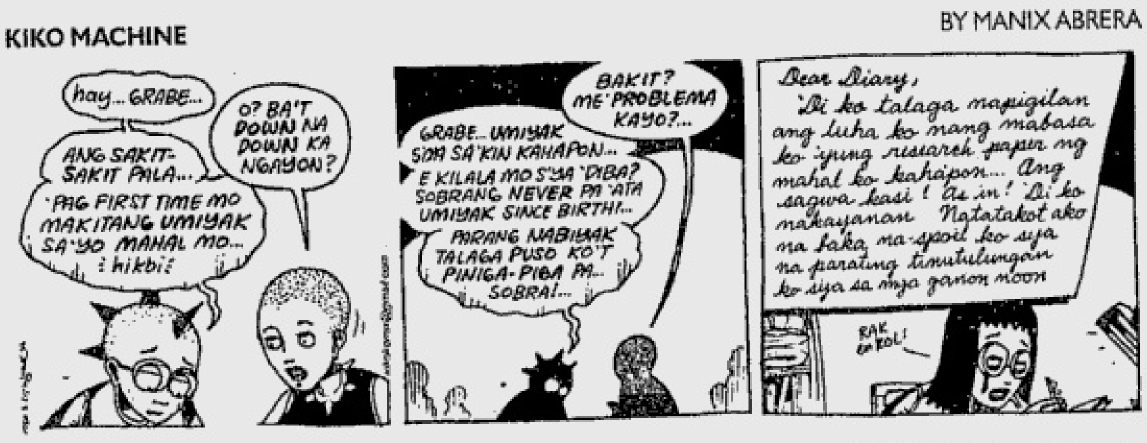
BEN

BY DANIEL SHELTON


GREAT... THE FOURSOME AHEAD IS SO SLOW-
-IT'S AFFECTING MY GAME!
I KNOW. IT'S EASY TO LOSE YOUR MOMENTUM WHEN YOU'RE ALWAYS WAITING AROUND.
EVEN WORSE...
...NOW I HAVE TO TEE OFF IN FRONT OF PEOPLE WHO ARE WAITING AROUND.
SHELTON

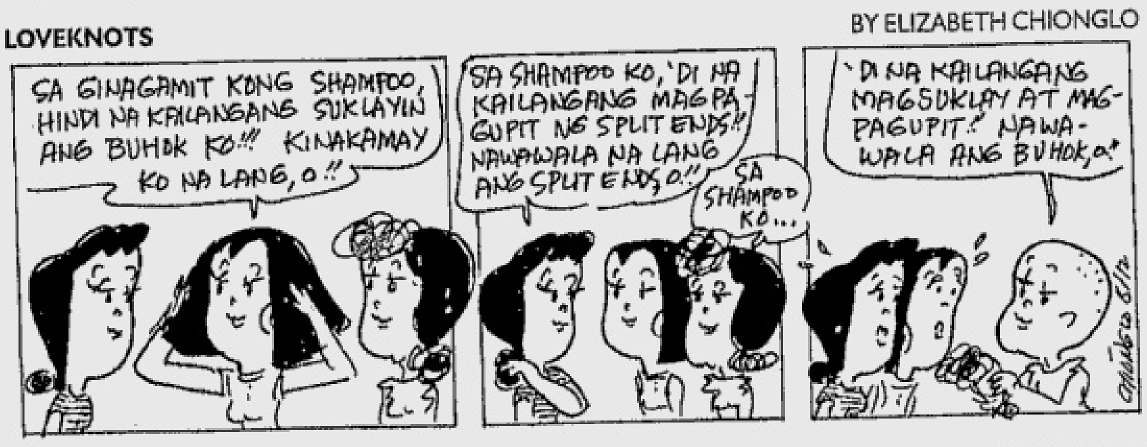
KIKO MACHINE

BY MANIX ABRERA


hay... GRABE...
ANG SAKIT-SAKIT PALA... 'PAG FIRST TIME MO MAKITANG UMIIYAK SA'YO MAHAL MO... hikbi
O? BA'T DOWN NA DOWN KA NGAYON?
BAKIT? ME' PROBLEMA KAYO?...
GRABE... UMIYAK SIYA SA'KIN KAHAPON... E KILALA MO S'YA 'DIBA? SOBRANG NEVER PA 'ATA UMIIYAK SINCE BIRTH!...
PARANG NABIYAK TALAGA PUSO KO'T PINIGA-PIGA PA... SOBRA!...
Dear Diary, 'Di ko talaga mapigilan ang luha ko nang mabasa ko 'yung research paper ng mahal ko kahapon... Ang sagwa kasi! As in! 'Di ko nakayanan. Natatakot ako na baka ma-spoil ko siya na parating tinutulungan ko siya sa mga ganon moon
RAK en ROL!

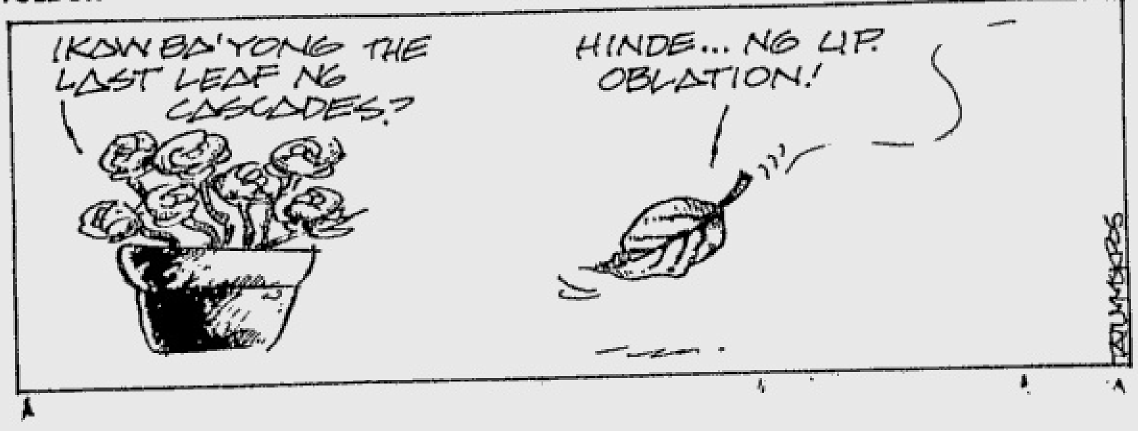
LOVEKNOTS

BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO


SA GINAGAMIT KONG SHAMPOO, HINDI NA KAILANGANG SUKLAYIN ANG BUHOK KO!!! KINAKAMAY KO NA LANG, O!!
SA SHAMPOO KO, 'DI NA KAILANGANG MAGPA-GUPIT NG SPLIT ENDS!! NAWAWALA NA LANG ANG SPLIT ENDS, O!!
SA SHAMPOO KO...
'DI NA KAILANGANG MAGSUKLAY AT MAG-PAGUPIT! NAWA-WALA ANG BUHOK, O!

TULDOK

BY PAPU AND TATUM MILAMBILING


IKAW BA 'YONG THE LAST LEAF NG CASCADES?
HINDE... NG U.P. OBLATION!
TATUMBIRDS

BLACK is definitely back.

SOLID and print

Fashion etcetera store turns 20

JERSEY dresses in basic colors

From page G1

Sari-Sari Store's latest collection under its newest homegrown labels Pilyo/Pilya and Vanguard Clubwear. Guests were also able to access its website via the latest Apple desktop computers.

Paper dolls

A feature of its cyber address is a set of virtual paper dolls representing the most common female figures. Consumers can mix and match Sari-Sari Store's clothes and see how they "fit" via these paper dolls.

Of course, nothing beats being able to fit the clothes yourself within the store's fitting room. But if for some reason you're unable to do this, then these online assistants are your best bets.

Aside from providing clients with virtual mannequins, Sari-Sari Store's website also makes helpful suggestions regarding what clothes to buy based on your, um, body type.

"This feature mirrors the way we do things in our stores," says Ocampo. "Our sales staff is always ready to make helpful suggestions once you start selecting and fitting the items."

Sari-Sari has yet to adopt the American standard when it comes to sizes, but many of its plus-sized patrons—including Ocampo herself—can comfortably fit into an S+ (a couple of sizes bigger than XL) top or dress.

The availability of styles and sizes probably explains Sari-Sari Store's popularity among Filipinos based abroad, particularly those living in the United States. After all, it was in New York where Sari-Sari made its initial foray into the American market by opening an outlet there some years ago.

RTW gowns

Of late, the chain has added off-the-rack evening and wedding gowns to its offerings. Are you afraid of losing your "individuality?" Not to worry, since Sari-Sari Store also does made-to-order wedding gowns designed by Pineda.

Sari-Sari Store's new and improved website, which was first launched in the late 1990s, will surely be a welcome development to tech-savvy and shopaholic Filipinos based here and abroad, says Ocampo.

At the same time, it has upgraded its discount card by launching the Sari-Sari Society Card. It's one way of thanking its 10,000-strong discount cardholders, Ocampo adds. Old members may renew their membership for free either by visiting an outlet or through their cell phones.

Privilege card

Those who wish to avail themselves of Sari-Sari Store's privilege card for the first time may do so by accumulating P20,000 worth of purchases. Other participating establishments offering discounts include Bigfish, Styles Entertainment, Moissanite, Ocampo's Fine Jewelry and Gallery 925.

Indeed, shopping for clothes at Sari-Sari Store has never been this enticing.

E-mail the author at avergara@inquirer.com.ph

GANGSTER look with loads of attitude

ACCESSORIZE!

STRONG color combo

Timeless, gracious style

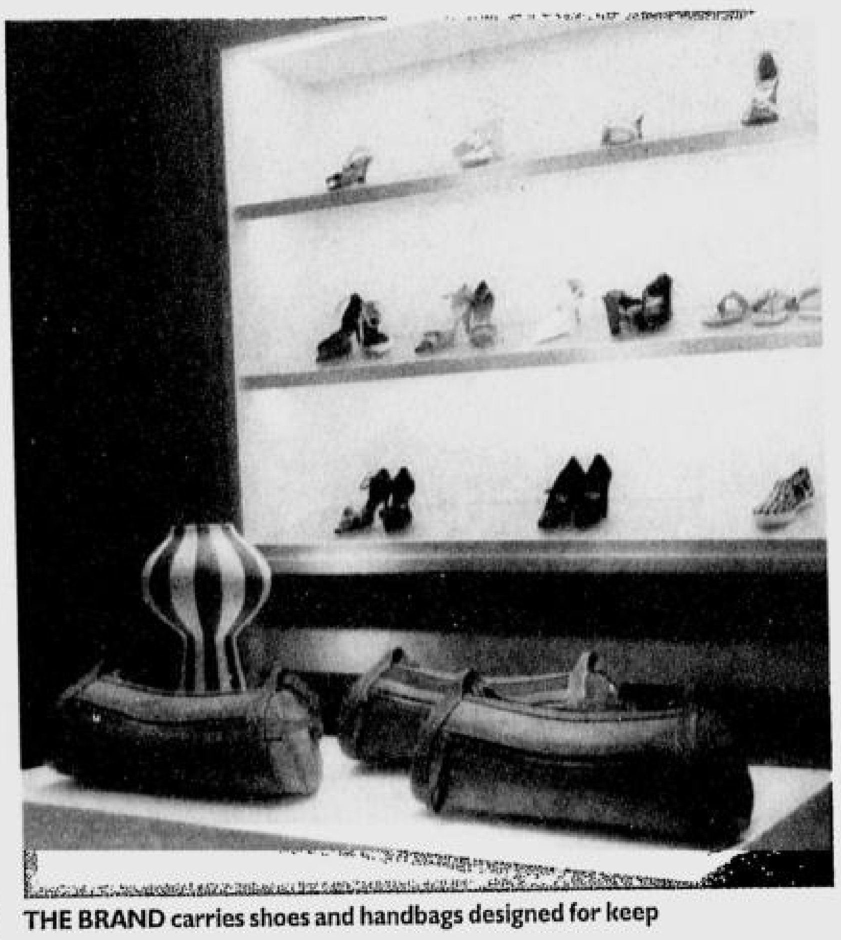
KATE Spade is all about timelessness, not trends, and the newly redesigned Kate Spade store in Shangri-La Plaza strongly reflects this tasteful view of things. The soft white interiors with lacquered wood accents are very welcoming, and the prominent decorative pieces give the store a unique ambience.

The brand carries a wide array of products such as handbags, luggage, baby bags, shoes, sunglasses and small leather goods. A visit to Kate Spade Shangri-La will show the perfect blending of clean, modern shapes and enduring classic designs.

Kate Spade has come a long way from its first collection of boxy, nylon tote bags in six styles and three neutral colors. These bags are now considered classics, and the product line has grown to include a wide range of leather handbags and accessories, elegant evening bags, "incognito" baby bags and a luggage collection. Each season also sees the addition of a selection of fabric handbags to the line.

Kate Spade is for women who appreciate value, graciousness and enduring style. If you are that woman, Kate Spade Shangri-La Plaza welcomes you.

Kate Spade is exclusively distributed by Stores Specialists Inc., and is at Greenbelt 3, Rustan's Makati and now Shangri-La Plaza Mall.


THE BRAND carries shoes and handbags designed for keep

NEWLY redesigned Kate Spade store in Shangri-La Plaza Mall

If you have to shine

Crystal beaded knit top, P1,520

Neverland bound

It would have been school bound but side-button details give this white blouse's Peter Pan collar a twist, P1,520

Piping hot

Cardigan has button-down glitter and glam, P1,620

Window shopping

It's in the detail

By Beia Formoso and Shirley Oh
Contributors

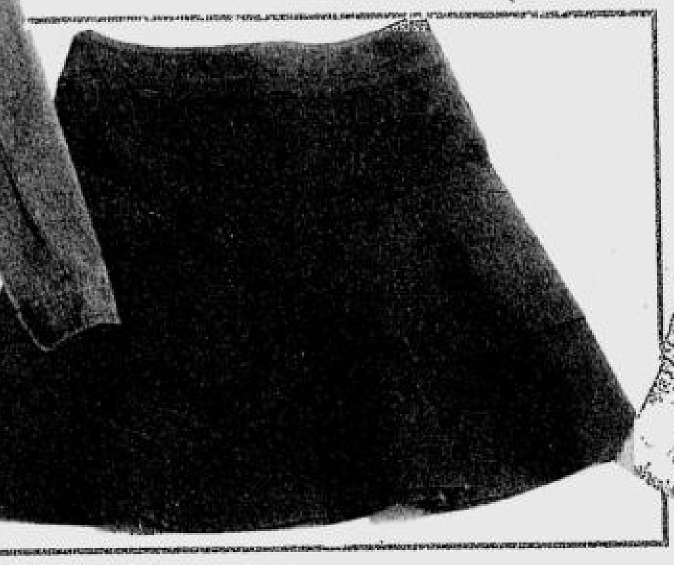
WITH all the boho- and Indian-inspired trends cropping up, neater details such as pleats and capped sleeves make for a welcome distraction. Girlier silhouettes and subtler accents are refreshing ladylike alternatives to that Earth Mother image that is already running its over-accessorized course.

Singaporean brand Iora brings us all the classic shapes of A-line skirts and nipped waists but, of course, with that all-important twist—a side button, a sparkly piping, a stretchy material that is layered just enough to keep everything demure and proper.

Iora is located at Glorietta 2, Robinsons Galleria and Rustan's Tower at Shangri-La Plaza.

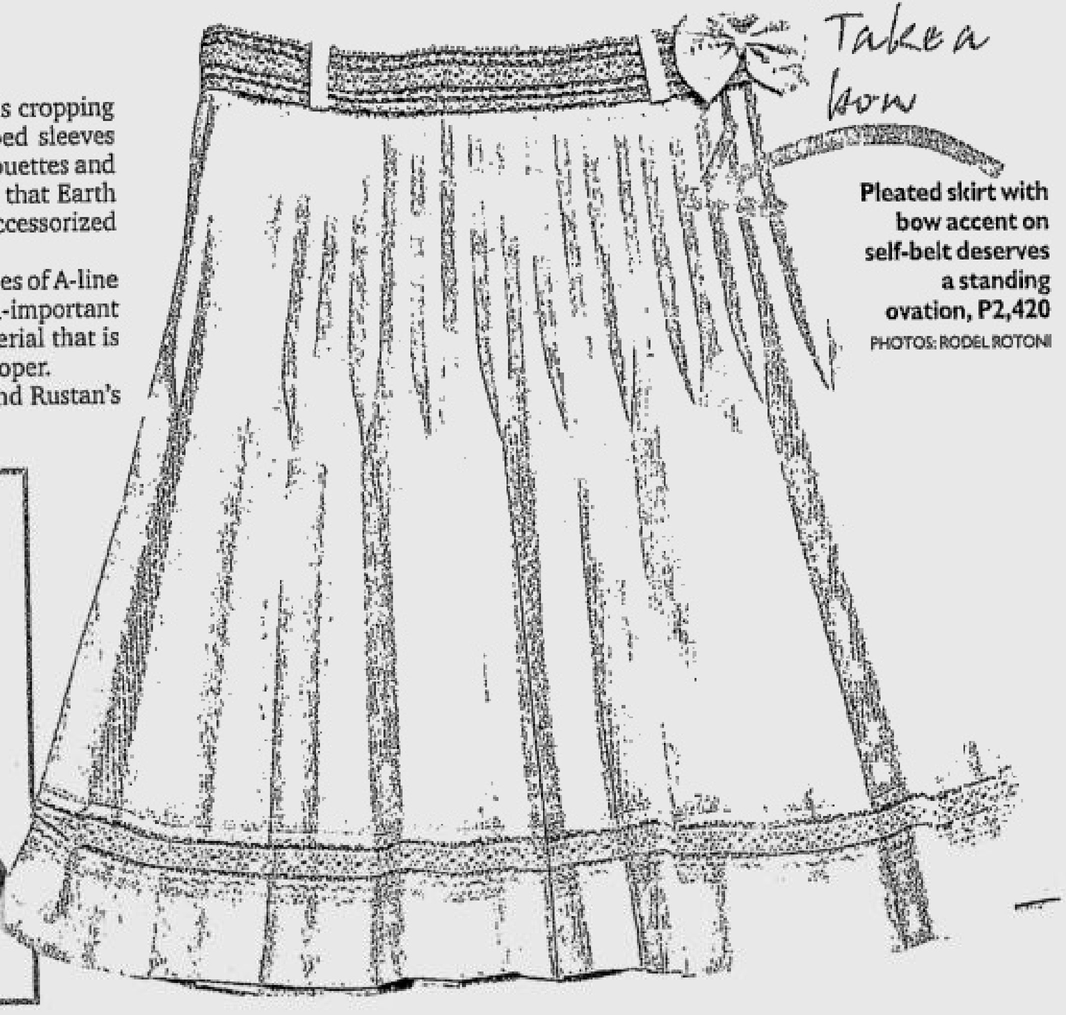
If it fits, wear it

The new jacket sticks close to curves, P2,780



Flirty skirt

Tiered stretch mini skirt, P2,420



Take a bow

Pleated skirt with bow accent on self-belt deserves a standing ovation, P2,420

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COSMETIC SURGERY COMES OF AGE

For centuries, men and women alike have been working to change the way they look to meet cultural ideals of beauty. Cosmetics, costumes, and accessories are often used to achieve this purpose; some even go to great lengths to change the shape of their bodies. Chinese mothers, for instance, bound their daughters' feet from birth to keep them tiny. Across ages and culture, people created a variety of techniques and utilized different tools to improve their appearance.

Cosmetic surgery deals primarily with the "ideal" appearance, which is shaped by the culture and the time in which you live. Right or wrong, modern culture places enormous emphasis on youth and appearance. People who don't embody the ideals often feel inferior or left out. Children who don't fit within the norms are often teased and sometimes shunned.

Many people think this view is shallow, that it ought to be different — that the prevailing cultural emphasis on youth and appearance is wrong. They may be right. Yet, it's almost impossible to be part of a society and not be affected by the expectations and views of the people around you. Your views of beauty are defined, reinforced, or challenged by the world around you.

Plastic surgeons didn't invent the concept of enhancing personal beauty; they just took it to another level. The modern version is that advances in medicine, including the discovery of antibiotics, now make cosmetic surgery solutions a safe option for the general public.

What is Cosmetic Surgery?

Cosmetic surgery is real surgery thus, you need to be an informed consumer. Surgery is a subspecialty of medicine that focuses on the enhancement of appearance through surgical and medical techniques. It is specifically concerned with the maintaining of normal appearance, restoring it, or enhancing it beyond the average level toward some aesthetic ideal. In cosmetic surgery (sometimes called aesthetic surgery), you take a normal or near-normal part of the body and alter it to make it look better. For example, a young man with a weak jaw line seeks cosmetic surgery to alter his profile. Or a 60-year-old woman with a face that is normal for a 60-year-old decides to get a facelift to improve her appearance.

Things to consider before undergoing a surgery

Determine your purpose. Ask yourself, "Why do I want to have a plastic surgery?" More than the aesthetic and even financial aspect of the treatment, do you think you are physically and emotionally prepared to accept a new you? Making a decision is a personal journey and entails a great deal of contemplation on the part of the potential patient.

Ultimately, only you can decide what's best for you. Set realistic goals and expectation. Cosmetic surgery is neither magic nor a miracle cure. While lots of patients call their procedures "miracles," remember that these are scientific miracles, limited and on a human scale. Be fully informed and accept what your surgeon can and cannot do. As defined earlier, cosmetic surgery is more confined to enhancement or restoration rather than change or transformation.

On finding the right surgeon. The criteria on finding the right if not, the best surgeon should be high and tough. Special skill and knowledge are essential in the practice of plastic surgery. While your surgeon should be a certified and licensed physician, competency in anatomy, physiology, pathology and basic sciences should also be considered. A subspecialty and knowledge in all contributing disciplines like facial plastic surgery, general surgery, and dermatology are plus factors. In general, competency in cosmetic surgery entails a combination of knowledge, surgical judgment, technical expertise and ethics in order to achieve aesthetic improvement.

If you do your research and are convinced that cosmetic surgery is the only option to improve your appearance, your experience will be a happy one. Chances are, you'll come through surgery with a normal healing phase and reenter your life feeling better about your appearance and with a better self-image — like you've had an emotional facelift.

Dermclinic, one of the most trusted dermatological clinics in the country, offers Professional Cosmetic Surgery administered by its league of true skin experts. Combined with cutting edge facilities and technology, every cosmetic surgery procedure is handled with an unparalleled passion that transforms this science into an art.

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About Dermclinic

Dr. Vinson B. Pineda, a well-respected and internationally recognized dermatologist established Dermclinic more than 30 years ago and is now considered as an institution which has mastered the art and science of skin health and wellness. In fact Dermclinic, has been the learning ground of some notable dermatologist in town today.

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IMPORTANT THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE REFORMED VALUE-ADDED TAX LAW (RA 9337)

> **"There is no magic bullet, no painless potion that will allow the country to evade a higher VAT.** The alternatives are either worse (a sudden slip towards crisis, or a slow squeeze on social spending)..."
>
> \- **UP 11 Discussion Paper No. 0505**
> UP School of Economics

KEY POINTS OF THE REFORMED VAT LAW:

- **10% VAT rate is retained;** however, the President shall increase the VAT rate to 12% starting January 1, 2006 if (a) VAT collection-to-GDP ratio for 2005 exceeds 2.8% or (b) the National Government deficit-to-GDP ratio for 2005 exceeds 1.5%
- **The following goods and services are VAT zero-rated:**
  - transport of passenger or cargo by air or sea to a foreign country
  - services rendered to aircraft and vessels engaged in international transport
  - sale of goods, supplies and fuel to aircraft and vessels engaged in international transport
- **The following goods and services are now subject to VAT:**
  - coal, natural gas and other indigenous fuels
  - petroleum products and their raw materials
  - power
  - electric cooperatives
  - domestic transport of passengers by air and sea
  - medical services
  - legal services
  - cotton & cotton seeds; non-food agricultural products
  - works of art, literary works, musical composition

NAUUBOS ANG PERA NATIN PAMBAYAD NG UTANG

Marami sa mga problema ng ekonomiya, nakatali sa utang ng bayan. Sa ngayon, 86 percent ng kinikita ng pamahalaan, ginagamit pambayad ng utang natin. Kaunti lang natitira para sa pangunahing serbisyo, kaya kailangan natin ng matinding reporma sa pananalapi. Kabilang dito ang reformed VAT law.

KAILANGAN I-BALANSE ANG BADYET

Ang reformed VAT ay paraan para maitaas ang kita ng pamahalaan upang matustusan ang mga gastusin nito at nang may matirang pera para sa pagawaing bayan at mga proyektong panlaban sa kahirapan.

MAY MGA BILIHIN NA DI NA EXEMPTED SA VAT

Dati pa may VAT ang maraming bilihin, tulad ng delata, noodles, mantika, damit at iba pa. Sa kasalukuyan, kasama na sa presyo ng mga ito ang VAT.

Pero may ilang produkto at serbisyo na dati ay exempted sa VAT ngunit papatawan na ng VAT. Sa ilalim nitong reformed VAT law, may VAT na ang **gasolina at iba pang produktong petrolyo, kuryente, mga serbisyong legal at medikal, pati na ang pamasahe sa mga barko at eroplano.**

HINDI LAHAT NG PRESYO TATAAS

Tataas ng bahagya ang presyo ng mga produktong inalisan ng VAT exemption tulad ng gasolina, diesel, LPG at kuryente. Pero kahit na tumaas ang presyo ng mga ito, **hindi dapat tumaas ang presyo ng mga bilihing dati pa may VAT.**

Department of Trade and Industry kung may mga nagsasamantala sa VAT para itaas ang presyo ng kanilang paninda.

PAANO ANG MAHIHIRAP?

Lahat ay magsasakripisyo, pero ginawa ang lahat para alalayan ang mas kapos-palad. **Wala pa ring VAT sa mga pangunahing produkto tulad ng bigas at sariwang pagkain tulad ng isda, gulay at karne. Wala ring VAT ang matrikula, libro at diyaryo.** Libre rin sa VAT ang upa sa bahay na mas mababa sa P10,000 kada buwan pati na ang pagbili ng low-cost o socialized housing. Wala ring VAT ang paninda ng mga negosyanteng mas mababa sa P1.5 million sa isang taon ang benta.

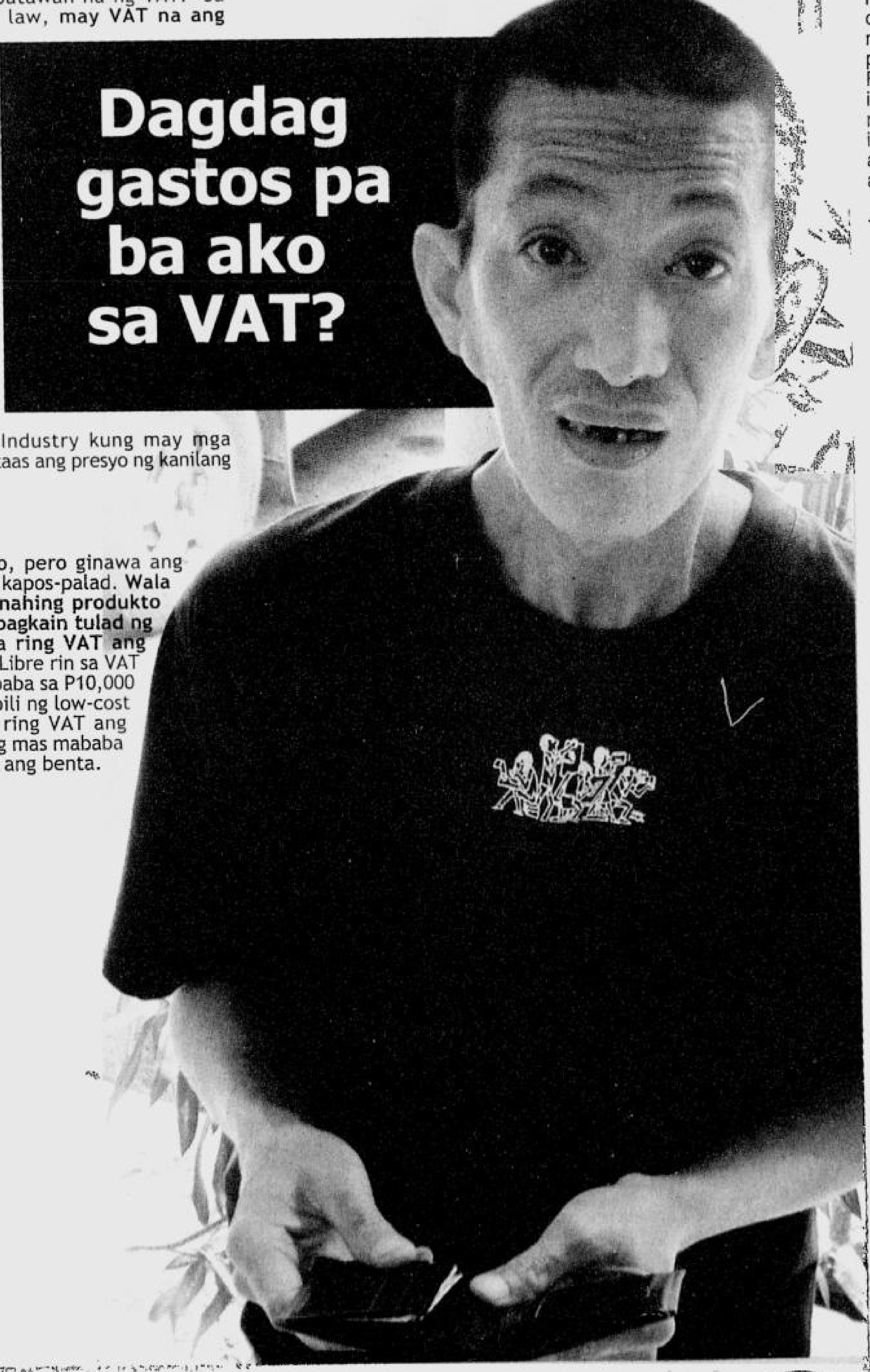
PAANO MASISIGURO NA GAGAMITIN ANG KITA SA VAT SA TAMANG PARAAN?

Bahagi ng koleksyon mula sa VAT ay ilalaan para sa
1) bagong paaralan
2) kalye at patubig para sa magsasaka
3) health insurance para sa kapos-palad
4) programang pangkalikasan

Binabantayan rin ang gastusin ng pamahalaan upang walang masasayang sa mga hindi mahahalagang gastusin.

Kasabay rin ng reformed VAT, pinaigting ang 'lifestyle check' at mga programang panlaban sa kurakot sa pamahalaan. Gayundin, patuloy na tutugisin ang mga hindi nagbabayad ng tamang buwis pati na ang mga smugglers upang pangalagaan ang kaban ng bayan.

Kung magtutulungan tayong lahat, makaka-ahon rin tayo.


Dagdag gastos pa ba ako sa VAT?

'With the additional revenue from VAT, we can expect to balance the budget and have more funds for basic public services.'

- DOF Secretary Gary Teves

"Reforming our VAT system is one of the most important components of our drive to address the country's budget deficit. With the additional revenue from VAT, we are hoping to balance the budget by 2008 and have more funds available for basic public services. The VAT Reform Law (RA No. 9337) puts in place key revenue generating measures but tempers their effects on the poor by providing sufficient mitigating measures. We assure the public that the Department of Finance is taking the lead in putting in place adequate support mechanisms for the effective implementation, monitoring, and assessment of the VAT Reform Law and their impact on consumers."

-SECRETARY MARGARITO B. TEVES
Department of Finance

What do all these terms mean?
(A VAT Glossary)

VAT COLLECTION-TO-GDP RATIO
shows VAT collection as a percentage of the total value of goods and services produced in the country

NG DEFICIT-TO-GDP RATIO
shows the National Government deficit as a percentage of the total value of goods and services produced in the country

BALANCED BUDGET
refers to the National Government revenues being equal to National Government expenditures for the same year

INPUT VAT
refers to the VAT paid on purchases of goods and services that go into the production of other goods and services

OUTPUT VAT
refers to the VAT imposed on sales of goods and services by registered VAT taxpayers

EXCISE TAX
additional tax imposed on selected goods such as petroleum products, automobiles, alcohol and tobacco products

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WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF THE REFORMED VAT ON PETROLEUM AND POWER?

> **"The VAT is bound to bite into consumers' pockets—if it did not do so, it would not be a consumption tax.** But it does so for a larger purpose—to stave off a crisis and contribute funds for social development and infrastructure."
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"To lessen the impact of VAT on socially-sensitive petroleum products like diesel, kerosene and LPG, the government has reduced the corresponding excise taxes and import tariffs. Since VAT is a consumption tax, the burden will be shouldered mostly by higher income groups. In fact, the richest 30 percent of Filipino families account for about 65 percent of the total petroleum consumption in the country while the poorest 30 percent only account for about eight percent of the total consumption. The imposition of VAT on petroleum will also help the country rationalize excessive use of petroleum products, which can lead to savings on oil imports, lesser harm to the environment and to people's health."

- Dept. of Energy Secretary Popo Lotilla

Isa sa pinakamalaking epekto ng reformed VAT law ay ang pag-alis ng VAT exemption mula sa petroleum at mga produkto nito, pati na rin sa kuryente. Kaya bahagyang tataas ang presyo ng gasolina, diesel, LPG at iba pa. Ngunit ito ay talagang kinakailangan na upang maitaas ang kita ng pamahalaan para maging balanse ang ating budget at pondohan ang mga programang panlaban sa kahirapan.

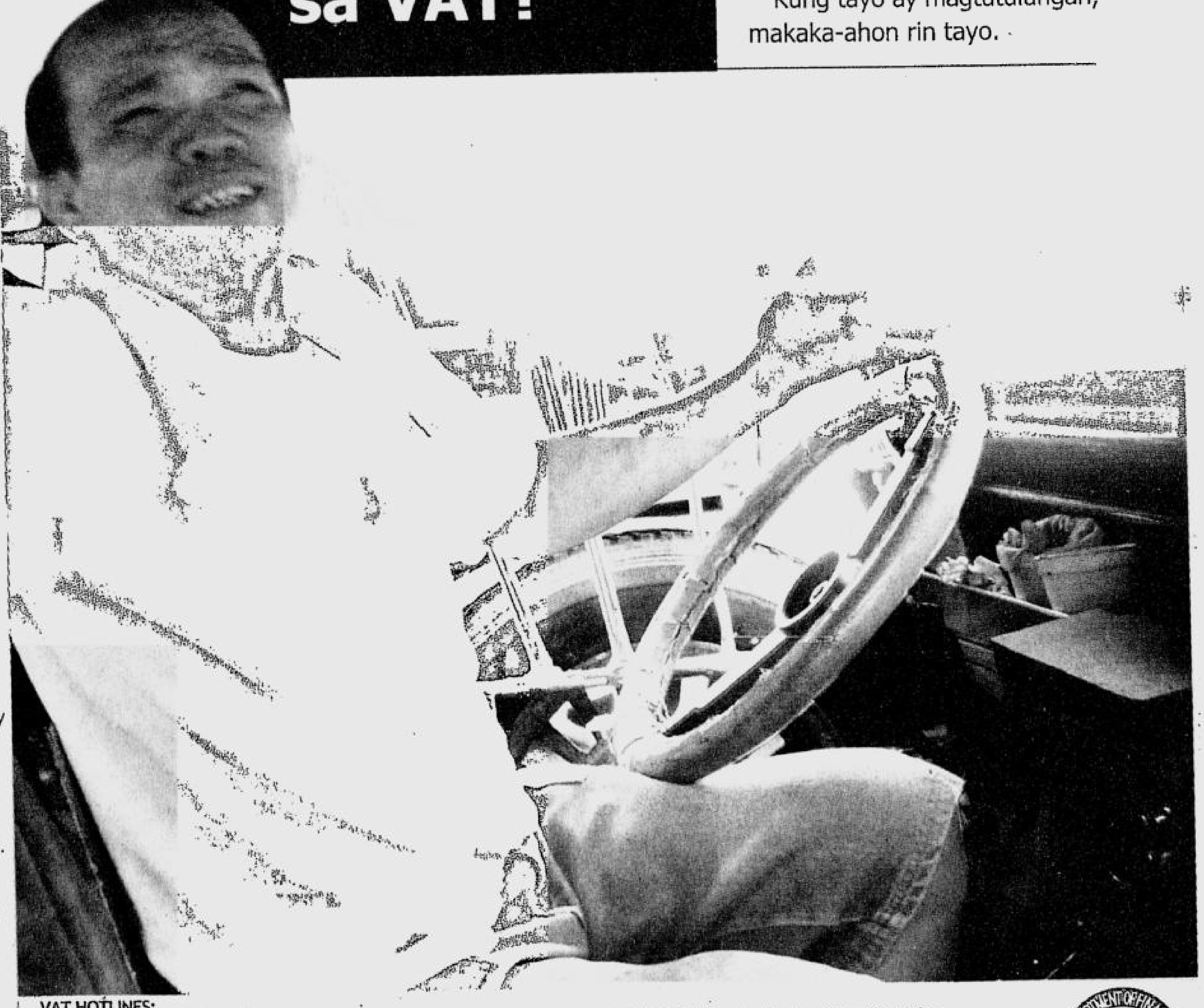
Pero sa katunayan, mas mabigat ang tax sa langis sa ibang bansa. At dahil patuloy tumataas ang presyo ng krudo sa buong mundo, hindi talaga maiiwasan ang pagtaas ng presyo pagdating sa mamimili.

Gaano kalaki ang itataas ng gasolina dahil sa VAT?

Para mabawasan ang bigat ng VAT, tinanggal ng reformed VAT law ang mga excise at import taxes sa mga produktong petrolyo. Dahil dito, **ang epekto ng VAT sa pagtaas ng presyo ng mga produktong petrolyo ay 2-8% lang**, sa halip na buong 10%.

At dahil ang VAT ay isang buwis sa konsumo, mas maraming buwis ang babayaran nung malakas kumonsumo. Kaya matututo ang mga taong bayan na gumamit ng langis at kuryente sa mas mabuting paraan.

Kung tayo ay magtutulungan, makaka-ahon rin tayo.



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We're all going to have to try and save on fuel and power. Here's how:

Energy

1. Turn off lights when not in use.
2. Use fluorescent instead of incandescent lights. A fluorescent lamp can last 10 to times longer than an incandescent one. It also produces five times as much light and stays cooler.
3. Clear bulbs give you more light than frosted bulbs.
4. Select the proper size of air conditioning unit for your room. Choose a unit with the highest energy efficient ratio and the smallest capacity that will meet your needs.
5. When using a washing machine, wash only when you have a full load but do not overload.
6. Don't keep your refrigerator or freezer too cold. Defrost regularly. Frost buildup decreases energy efficiency of the unit. Make sure refrigerator door seals are airtight.
7. Cover liquids and wrap foods stored in the refrigerator. Uncovered foods release moisture and make the compressor work harder.
8. Hang clothes waiting to be ironed. Do not fold or bundle them in a hamper as more creases would mean more ironing time.
9. Adjust the iron heat according to the material you are ironing.
10. As much as possible, try to iron a large number of clothes at one time. Start from light materials using low temperature, then move to heavier fabrics at highest temperature.

Gas

1. Check your tire pressure. Low tire pressure will make the tires drag and use more gas.
2. Give your car regular tune-ups. A lot of gas is wasted when an engine grinds for seconds before firing up.
3. Clean your trunk of unnecessary load. Excess weight consumes extra gas.
4. Choose a fuel-efficient vehicle when buying a car.
5. As much as possible, avoid rush-hour traffic. Huge amounts of fuel are wasted in "stop-and-go" traffic.
6. If the weather is cool enough, minimize the use of air conditioning. But roll up your windows when driving on a highway. The wind drag lowers your mileage.
7. Consolidate your errands and plan your route.
8. Drive smoothly. A steady pace saves gas while speeding up reduces fuel economy.
9. Reduce idling.
10. Accelerate and brake gently but steadily.

> **"An increase in fuel taxes is a needed measure to arrest the deterioration in the quantity and quality of government's investment in basic services. Fuel taxes can raise substantial revenues for government that can be earmarked for specific projects."**
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> -- **Milwida Guevara,**
> Economist and President and CEO, Synergeia Foundation

WHAT DOES THE REFORMED VAT MEAN FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM SCALE BUSINESSES?

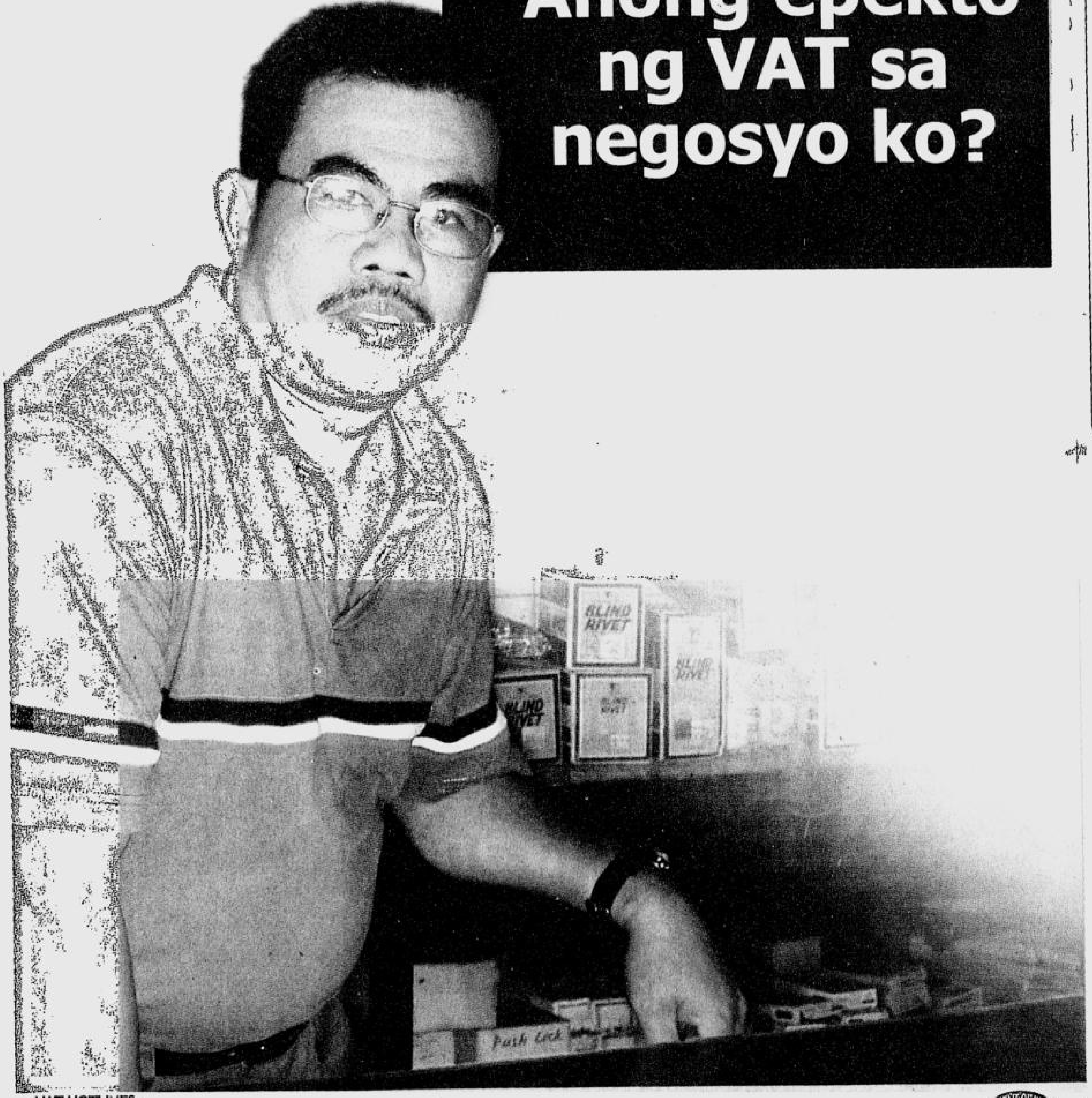
Hindi dapat mangamba ang mga negosyante sa VAT. Maliban sa ilang bagay tulad ng produktong petrolyo at kuryente, dati nang may VAT ang mga binibiling raw materials at inputs ng mga negosyante para sa kanilang pabrika at mga paninda.

Ang anumang dagdag na VAT na kanilang babayaran para sa kuryente at gasolina halimbawa ay ibabawas naman sa VAT na kanilang ire-remit sa gobyerno. Kaya nga, hindi dapat tumaas ang presyo ng kanilang mga produkto at paninda.

Bahagyang itinaas ang income tax ng mga kumpanya (35% mula sa 32%) upang makatulong para makamit natin ang balanseng budget at mapondohan ang mga programang panlaban sa kahirapan. Ngunit pagdating ng taong 2009, ibababa naman ito sa 30%.

Kung tayo ay magtutulungan, makakaahon rin tayo.

Anong epekto ng VAT sa negosyo ko?



> "What is required to complete the job, however, is a convincing fiscal turnaround, an indispensable component of which in turn is a credible VAT measure."
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The reformed VAT law's direct effect on small businesses is neutral, because whatever VAT they pay on raw materials (Input VAT), they can deduct from their Output VAT. But they will benefit from it indirectly in 2 ways:

1. **Paying taxes will be simpler for small businesses without accountants on their staff.**
2. **VAT payments are official records of a company's financial capability, which can be used for better credit rating purposes.**

- **Mel Alonzo**
Chairman & CEO,
Small Business
Guarantee Finance
Corp.

Did You Know?

The reformed VAT law set aside the equivalent of about 20% of incremental VAT collections for the following purposes:

1 public elementary and secondary education, to finance construction of school buildings, school furniture and in-service training of teachers

2 health premiums of enrolled indigents

3 environmental conservation

4 agricultural modernization to finance construction of farm-to-market roads and irrigation facilities

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IMPLICATION OF VAT REFORM LAW ON PRICES OF SELECTED GOODS CURRENTLY IMPOSED WITH VAT

TABLE 1

	BEFORE VAT REFORM LAW			AFTER VAT REFORM LAW		
COMMODITY	TOTAL COST + MARK-UP	INPUT VAT	OUTPUT VAT	TOTAL COST + MARK-UP	INPUT VAT	OUTPUT VAT
SARDINES	**P 10.00**	**P 9.00**	**P 1.00**	**P 10.00**	**P 0.94**	**P 1.00**
VATable Inputs	9.00	0.90		9.00	0.90	
Assumptions:						
Fuel (Bunker)	0.20	0.00		0.19* + .02 = .21	0.02	
Electricity	0.20	0.00		0.20 + .02 = .22	0.02	
Mark-up	0.60	-		0.60	-	

Due BIR (before)		Due BIR (after)	
Output VAT	P1.00	Output VAT	P1.00
Input VAT	0.90	Input VAT	0.94
Remit to BIR	P0.10	Remit to BIR	P0.06

Notes:
- Bunker Fuel is 2% of production cost
- Increase in presumptive input VAT on agro-processors from 1.5% to 4% was not considered
- * Cost of bunker fuel less excise tax

TABLE 2

	BEFORE VAT REFORM LAW			AFTER VAT REFORM LAW		
COMMODITY	TOTAL COST + MARK-UP	INPUT VAT	OUTPUT VAT	TOTAL COST + MARK-UP	INPUT VAT	OUTPUT VAT
CEMENT	**P155.00**	**P 8.80**	**P 1.00**	**P 155.00**	**P14.44**	**P15.50**
VATable Inputs	88.00	8.80	8.80	88.00	8.80	8.80
Assumptions:						
Fuel (Bunker)	7.75	0.00		7.62* + .76=8.38	0.76	
Diesel Oil Fuel	20.15	0.00		18.97*+1.90=20.87	1.90	
Electricity	29.45	0.00		29.45 +2.94=32.39	2.94	
Mark-up	9.65	-		9.65	-	

Due BIR (before)		Due BIR (after)	
Output VAT	P15.50	Output VAT	P15.50
Input VAT	8.80	Input VAT	14.44
Remit to BIR	P 6.70	Remit to BIR	P 1.06

Notes:
- Bunker Fuel is 5% of production cost
- Diesel fuel oil is 13% of production cost
- Electricity is 19% of production cost
- * Cost of fuel less excise tax

Sample Computation of Input & Output VAT for common products

WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF THE REFORMED VAT ON THE POOR?

DTI to monitor prices of basic commodities to guard against profiteers

The Department of Trade and Industry reemphasized that the VAT Reform Law will have no effect on prices of consumer goods that are currently subject to VAT. Furthermore, it has already put in place adequate price monitoring systems involving the active participation of, among others, the private sector and labor groups, to monitor the movement in prices of basic and prime commodities.

Several industries have expressed confidence that the reformed VAT will have negligible effect on the prices of their products and services. In a radio interview over DZMM Francisco Buencamino, head of the Philippine Association of Meat Processors, a federation of food canning companies, said that – in addition to the zero effect of VAT on their products – lively competition among industry players will prevent prices from rising.

According to Acting DTI Secretary Peter B. Favila, the department will nonetheless implement a system that will guard against profiteering, including the establishment of a consumer hotline.

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE & INDUSTRY PHILIPPINES

"Consumers may call 8977-DTI or 897-7384 to report abnormal or drastic increases in prices of goods attributed by unscrupulous traders to the implementation of the VAT Reform Law," Favila said.

The Department of Finance (DOF) and the DTI have jointly assured the public, as well as traders, of continuing support and cooperation in the implementation, monitoring, and assessment of the VAT implementing guidelines and their impact on the prices of commodities.

The DOF said that the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) has now prepared revenue memorandum circulars to specific industries to guide their pricing for goods and services.

To report abnormal or drastic increase in prices of goods attributed to VAT, call 8977-DTI or 897-7384.

The DOF is exerting all efforts to mitigate the impact of VAT on consumer goods. Based on the revenue regulations and the implementing guidelines, the 70 per cent cap on credits for input taxes for goods and services will be computed only in December. VAT-registered taxpayers can still credit the entire amount of their input tax against the output tax – pending its final reckoning toward the end of the year. This will soften to a great extent the impact of the new VAT law.

> **"Those parts of VAT that make it progressive would undoubtedly be further enhanced** if unconscionable exemptions of some goods consumed by the rich were withdrawn."
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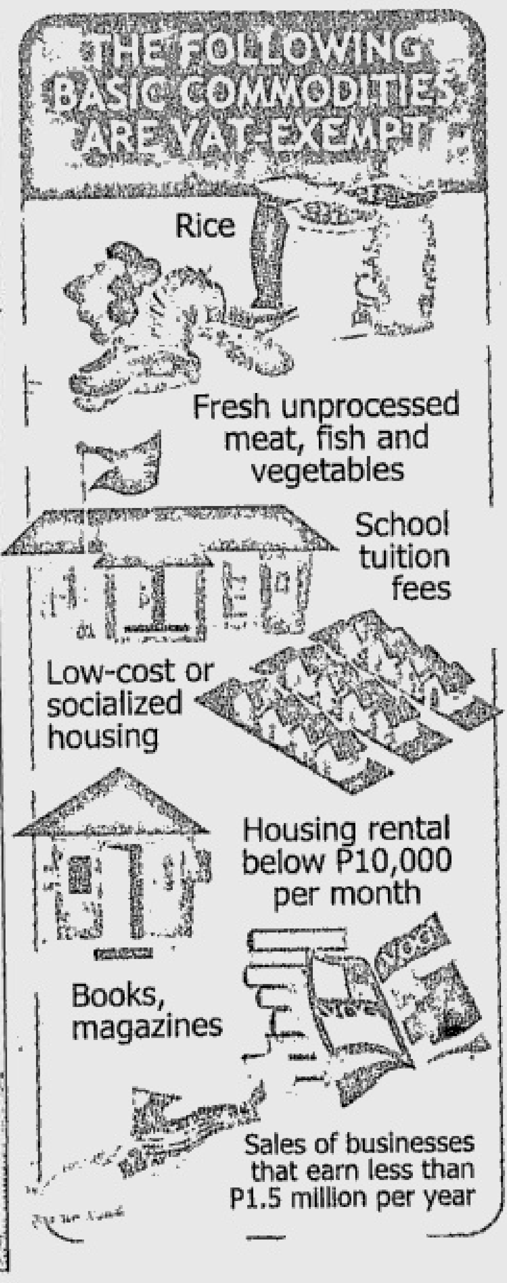
THE FOLLOWING BASIC COMMODITIES ARE VAT-EXEMPT
Rice
Fresh unprocessed meat, fish and vegetables
School tuition fees
Low-cost or socialized housing
Housing rental below P10,000 per month
Books, magazines
Sales of businesses that earn less than P1.5 million per year

Lahat tayo, kailangang magsakripisyo upang mai-balanse ang badyet at pondohan ang proyektong panlaban sa kahirapan. Pero sa ilalim ng reformed VAT law, aalalayan ang mga mahihirap para di gaanong mabigat ang epekto ng VAT sa kanila.

Kaya wala pa ring VAT sa:

- Bigas, sariwang isda, gulay at karne
- Matrikula, libro, at diyaryo.
- Upa sa bahay na mas mababa sa P10,000 kada buwan
- Pagbili ng low-cost o socialized housing.
- Paninda ng mga negosyanteng mas mababa sa P1.5 million sa isang taon ang benta.

Kabilang rin sa bagong batas na ito ay ang paglalaan ng bahagi ng koleksyon mula sa VAT para sa mga paaralan, kalye at patubig para sa magsasaka, at health insurance para sa kapos palad.

Kung magtutulungan tayong lahat, makaka-ahon rin tayo.

May VAT ba ang mga paninda ko sa palengke? Paano na ang mga mahihirap?

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